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Hours of operation today for local businesses

- Albertsons Market ..... Closed
- H-E-B ..... 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Super Mercado ..... Closed
- Wal-Mart ..... Open 24 hours

When stores open for 'Grey Thursday'

- Walgreens ..... 6 a.m.
- Michaels ..... 4 p.m.
- Best Buy ..... 5 p.m.
- JC Penney ..... 5 p.m.
- Toys R Us ..... 5 p.m.
- Office Depot ..... 6 p.m.
- Target ..... 6 p.m.
- Kohl's ..... 6 p.m.
- Bealls ..... 6 p.m.
- Sears ..... 6 p.m.
- Wal-Mart: Black Friday deals go into effect at 6 p.m.

Black Friday

- Petsmart ..... 7 a.m.
- Sam's Club ..... 7 a.m.

Hours of operation today for restaurants

Here is a sampling of restaurants that will be open today. For a complete list, see Weekender.

- **Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Sports Bar**, 5107 W. Wadley Ave: 2 p.m.-2 a.m.
- **Cracker Barrel**, 3108 N. Loop 250 West: 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- **Dos Margaritas**, 1501 N. Big Spring St., 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
- **Eatery 117 at DoubleTree by Hilton**, 117 W. Wall St.: 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Thanksgiving dinner served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (reservations required).
- **Grand Buffet**, 2510 W. Louisiana Ave., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Riley's Bar & Grill**, 3421 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 a.m.
- **Scotty's Soul Food**, 2907 N. Big Spring St.: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Does Thanksgiving trump Black Friday?

By Anne D'innocenzio
Associated Press

"Shoppers could be disappointed and find that the hot items on their list are not in stock on Black Friday because of the early push by retailers."

Traci Gregorsk, Market Track's vice president of marketing

NEW YORK — Thanksgiving could be the best day to shop all year.

An analysis of sales data and store circulars by two research firms contradicts conventional wisdom that Black Friday is when shoppers can get the most and biggest sales of the year.

Turns out, shoppers will find more discounted items in stores that are open on Thanksgiving. For example, there are a total of 86 laptops and tablets deeply discounted as door buster deals at Best Buy, Wal-Mart and others on the holiday compared with just nine on Black Friday, according to an analysis of promotions for The Associated Press by researcher MarketTrack.

And on the Web, discounts will be deeper on the holiday. Online prices on Thanksgiving are expected to be about 24 percent cheaper compared with 23 percent on Black Friday and 20 percent on Cyber Monday, according to Adobe, which tracks data on 4,500 retail web sites.

The data is the latest proof that retailers are slowly redefining the Black Friday tradition. It's been the biggest shopping day of the year for years, mostly because it's traditionally when retailers pull out their best sales events. But in the last few years, retailers like the Gap, Target and Toys R Us have started opening their stores and offering holiday discounts on Thanksgiving to better compete with online rivals.

"I was surprised, but it really shifted one day," said Tamara Gaffney, principal analyst at Adobe, which is based in San Jose, California.

Shoppers already are noticing the deals on Thanksgiving. Corey Grassell, 34, of Appleton, Wisconsin, said he plans to shop for deals on Thanksgiving and bypass Black Friday. That's after he grabbed bargains last year on the holiday, including a washer-dryer combination at Sears for about $800, a 50 percent discount.

"I feel guilty for going out on Thanksgiving, but the deals are so much more attractive to me than on Black Friday," he said.

Please see **BLACK FRIDAY** / 2A

Small Business Saturday highlights local stores

■ Emphasis is placed on family during the holidays

By Rye Druzin
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While crowds will gather at some stores that will open on Thanksgiving afternoon for "Grey Thursday," and other major retailers prepare for the annual Black Friday rush, Small Business Saturday is set to begin the holiday season for local businesses in a more subdued manner.

"We hope that there's a great turnout," said Jeannie Eads, co-owner of Found Furnishing on Andrews Highway, which opened in March.

"We're doing what we can to amp up attention. We're using Facebook a lot, and we have a pretty good following there, so it does get people in the door for us pretty well."

The Small Business Saturday event, sponsored by credit card company American Express, launched in 2010 and promotes shopping at small businesses.

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Natural Gas	$4.335	▼ $0.046
Gasoline	$2.724	▼ $0.005

The big number
Dallas police have arrested
7 protesters
who blocked part of Interstate 35, briefly closing it. Page 2A.

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Christmas entertainment options include "The Nutcracker."

Coming Friday
An 11-year-old boy organizes effort for West Texas Food Bank.

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MPD to maintain presence during holiday shopping

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department will be present at many major retailers on Black Friday to maintain order amid the holiday shopping frenzy, according to a department spokeswoman.

MPD communications specialist Geena Martinez said many officers will work off-duty at stores including Wal-Mart and Target, where Black Friday deals will be attracting large groups of shoppers.

MPD typically has a substation located at Midland Park Mall during this time of year, with officers wearing plain clothing and looking for suspicious activity, she said.

The city of Midland's offices will be closed today and Friday.

Emergency personnel will work normal shift to provide services to the community, according to a press release from the city.

7 protesters arrested after blocking road

Associated Press

DALLAS — Seven people have been arrested while blocking part of a Dallas highway to protest a white Missouri police officer not charged in the fatal shooting of a black man.

Dallas police said nobody was hurt in the demonstrations that ended early Wednesday.

A police statement said protests that began Tuesday night were mainly peaceful. Interstate 35 in downtown Dallas was briefly closed in both directions when some demonstrators walked on the highway.

Police said seven people who refused to leave were charged with misdemeanor obstructing a highway or other passageway.

A grand jury near St. Louis this week declined to indict an officer in the August fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

BLACK FRIDAY

From 1A

But some industry watchers fear others won't shop on Thanksgiving, choosing to keep the day sacred. Those who wait instead to shop on Black Friday could wind up being disappointed with the leftover deals, they say. In fact, according to Deloitte Research's recent survey of shoppers, about two-thirds say they're not motivated to go out to stores Thanksgiving because it's important to be with family and friends.

"Shoppers could be disappointed and find that the hot items on their list are not in stock on Black Friday because of the early push by retailers," said Traci Gregorski, MarketTrack's vice president of marketing.

She said she's conducting a survey of shoppers after the holiday shopping weekend to see how retailers fared. "We want to get shoppers' perception of these deals," she says.

Most big retailers acknowledge that they're starting to offer deals on Thanksgiving that previously were reserved for Black Friday.

Jeff Haydock, a spokesman at Best Buy, the nation's largest consumer electronics chain, said the best deals become available Thanksgiving when its doors open at 5 p.m. For example, one of Best Buy's Thanksgiving specials is a $899 55-inch LED Smart TV, the lowest price it has ever offered on a Samsung ultra-high definition TV of this size. That will be available on Friday —if supplies last.

"Naturally, more of the deals are being pulled into Thursday because our stores are open," Haydock said.

Brian Hanover, a spokesman at Sears, which is opening at 6 p.m. today, also said Thanksgiving specials spill into Black Friday. But the quantities for the 1,000 door busters are limited. They include Nordic Track treadmills for $699.99, or an $800 discount, and a 36 percent savings on a Whirlpool laundry machine, regularly priced at $549.99.

"It probably behooves the customer to shop earlier on Thanksgiving," he said.

For its part, Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, says it's spreading out discounts online and in the store. But Gregorski, of MarketTracks said its "evident" in Wal-Mart's circular that "the best deals are on Thanksgiving."

To be sure, for its two sales events on Thanksgiving, Wal-Mart devotes 36 pages of its circular to discounted TVs, computers and other items. On Black Friday? Wal-Mart has four pages of deals.

Obituaries

Anita Villerreal

Anita Villerreal, 67, of Midland, went home to her Heavenly reward, November 25, 2014 in Midland, Texas. She was born in Michigan to the late Larry and Ninfa Villarreal on October 10, 1947.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Tory Dan Ramirez, Christine Diaz, Sammy Ramirez, and Jose Angel Urias, Jr.; three brothers; four sisters; twelve grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Anita was a loving daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Viewing will be Friday, November 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel. Service will be Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Chapel. Burial to follow at American Heritage Cemetery.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home, 4100 N FM 1788, Midland, Texas. To leave condolences, visit *www.thehealingstartshere.com.*

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The Healing Starts Here

Patricia Ann Thames

Patricia Ann Thames graduated peacefully from this life to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday November 21, 2014 at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas after a short battle with cancer.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She loved her family very much.

Pat was born in Sedalia, Missouri to Joseph and Olynda Drake on March 24, 1935. She graduated from Lamar High School in Houston, attended TSCW in Denton, Midland College, and graduated from UTPB.

She was a long time member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and later joined Christ Church Anglican, where she served on the Vestry, various prayer ministries and prayer groups. She was a member of the choir at Christ Church, and a member of The Daughters of the Holy Cross. Pat was very spiritually orientated and was a special prayer warrior praying for anyone needing prayers at any time. She was very dedicated to her church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, John Drake.

Pat was a long time volunteer at the Life Center, prayed with cancer patients at the Hope House, was a mentor at Santa Rita School, did Pastoral Care at the hospital and was a member of the Children's Service League.

She married the love of her life, Bob Thames, on February 5, 1954 in Fort Worth, Texas. The family moved to Midland in 1963.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, John Drake.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bob; son, Bob, III and wife Sher of Littleton, Colorado; son, Joe and wife Stacy of Midland; daughter, Jacque Cain and husband Gary of Midland; daughter, Lynda James and husband John of Midland; sister, Joan Eccles of San Antonio; and sister-in-law, Shannon Thames Burdette of Kerrville.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Christopher, Jason and Garrett Cain, Brad, Bryan and John Tyler James, Brice and Tessa Burgess; five great-grandchildren, Austin and Denton Cain, Emma Cain, Kristian and Keslee Burgess, and Alyssa Ontiveros; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, November 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A family graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2014 and a Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 Midkiff Road, Midland.

Memorial Donations may be given to The Life Center of Midland, Hope House of Midland, Christ Church Anglican of Midland, or the charity of your choice.

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William Larsen

William R. (Bill) Larsen was born on December 20th, 1926 in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Daniel Boone High School, and joined the United States Navy, as his father before him. He went on to college, first obtaining a BA from Augustana College and a MS from Iowa State. He received his Master's degree in Geology and worked in this field his entire career.

Bill moved from Ames, Iowa to the oilfields of West Texas in the 1950s with his wife, daughter and son. Bill and Barbara had three more children and devoted themselves to raising the five kids in Midland, Texas. Bill was Scout Master of the Boy Scout troop that his sons attended, along with other activities such as the Midland-Odessa Symphony Orchestra, Lions Club and Toastmasters. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

Bill retired in his mid-sixties and moved on to a career of giving. He was an honorary life-member of the Petroleum Museum. He volunteered his time with organizations such as the Friends of the Library, Petroleum Museum, Museum of the Southwest, and Marion Blakemore Planetarium. Bill was loved and will be dearly missed.

Bill is survived by his wife Barbara Larsen, daughter Lyn Yater and sons David Larsen, Greg Larsen, Kevin Larsen and wife Barbara, Roger Larsen and wife Cindy. Four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The family will hold private services.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Death Notices

Akinjobi Godfrey Akinpelu

Akinjobi Godfrey Akinpelu, 36, of Midland passed away on Monday, November 24, 2014. The family will receive friends on Monday, December 1, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 1:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Olutoyin Akinpelu; daughters, Adunoluwa and Sharon Akinpelu; two siblings, and his mother.

Olusegun Sangowale

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He is survived by his wife, Oluwashola O. Sangowale; two sons, Collins and Martin Sangowale; his parents, and six siblings.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BASTROP

Death row inmate Reed execution delayed

A judge has declined to approve additional DNA testing of evidence in the case of Texas death row inmate Rodney Reed.

Judge Doug Shaver on Tuesday delayed Reed's scheduled execution from Jan. 14 to March 5. Officials await results from other DNA testing of evidence that was approved last summer.

Reed was condemned for the 1996 slaying of a Bastrop County resident, Stacey Stites. Her body was found dumped along a road. Reed's 1998 conviction hinged largely on the fact that his semen was found on the victim's body.

Attorneys for the Innocence Project have pushed for DNA testing of additional evidence.

Prosecutors say requests for expanded testing could have been submitted sooner and maintain it's just an attempt to delay Reed's execution.

AUSTIN

'Bernie' mortician gets new sentencing

Texas' highest court has granted a new sentencing hearing for the mortician whose conviction for killing his longtime companion and storing her body in a freezer inspired the dark-comedy movie "Bernie."

Bernie Tiede was sentenced to life in prison for the 1996 shooting death of 81-year-old Marjorie Nugent. But he was released from prison earlier this year, after a lower court ruled the sentence was overly harsh.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday largely sided with Tiede. His attorneys said jurors weren't told he felt abused by Nugent or that he was sexually abused as a child.

Nugent's family wants him returned to prison.

Nugent's body was found in a freezer in her home nine months after she went missing in Carthage, about 150 miles east of Dallas.

HOUSTON

Official: Manatee rescued from bay

A wayward manatee is receiving medical care in San Antonio after about a dozen people hauled the 1,000-pound animal out of the cooling waters of the Texas coast.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says the West Indian manatee was rescued from Trinity Bay near Houston on Tuesday. A Chambers County sheriff's deputy spotted the 10-foot-long animal on Sunday and a wildlife specialist flew in Monday to coordinate the rescue.

SeaWorld San Antonio employee Kyle Cheves says the animal is severely malnourished and will be rehabilitated at the park before being taken to Florida. He says it's the third manatee rescue that the park has assisted with in the past 27 years.

SATURDAY

From 1A

after the rush of spending at big box stores during Black Friday.

But local small businesses that the Reporter-Telegram spoke to stressed that being with family was the most important part for them during the Thanksgiving/Black Friday holiday. None of the stores will be open on Grey Thursday, and those that will be open on Black Friday will operate during normal hours.

For Gina Ragan, co-owner of Ski Skeller Sports on Wadley Avenue, the importance of family stretches into the day before Thanksgiving, when her store closed early so that her employees could be home.

"It's a family-run business, and we all need to go home and spend time with our families," Ragan said. "And, normally, our employees are kids, so they're not going to be up here 14 hours a day."

This runs counter to Grey Thursday, when stores such as Target and Best buy will be open at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively. But for Ragan, whose store has been in Midland since 1969 and is open six days a week, giving her employees a break is more important than making an extra buck.

"With having not enough (employees) anyway, everybody would be on overtime," said Ragan of what opening on Thanksgiving would entail. "We're open six days a week as it is, and my employees are tired. This isn't a job where you sit around and answer a phone for a couple of hours."

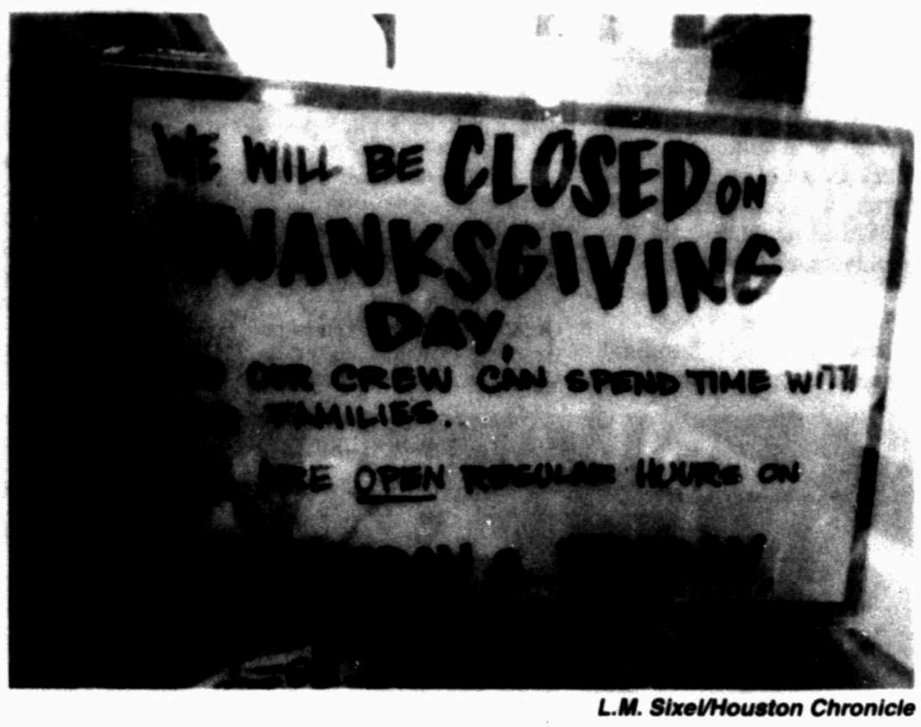
The importance of family was echoed at other small businesses.

Third-generation jeweler Shanna Moran, a co-owner of Frank Hawk Jewelry on Dodson Street, said that for many of her second-, third- or fourth-generation customers the holidays are meant for family.

"A lot of our customers have family either coming in, or they are traveling to see their family," Moran said. "So family seems more important than the shopping."

Some retailers make it a point to be closed on Thanksgiving

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle



L.M. Sixel/Houston Chronicle

A sign at a Trader Joe's grocery store in Houston alerts shoppers that it will be closed for Thanksgiving Day.

HOUSTON — As Black Friday shopping creeps deeper into Thanksgiving Day, a number of employees, unions and consumer groups have launched petition drives against opening stores before most families sit down for their turkey dinner. A boycott page on Facebook now features a list of "naughty" and "nice" stores, based on whether they have joined the frenzy.

Amid this nascent backlash, a number of retailers have made keeping the doors shut a point of pride — and a way to differentiate themselves from their competitors. Among the holdouts is Cabela's, a supplier of hunting and fishing equipment that plans to open a store in League City next year.

"It has been a long-standing tradition at Cabela's to respect the Thanksgiving holiday and ensure our employees can enjoy this time with their families," CEO Tommy Millner said in a written announcement last week. "Dick and Jim Cabela made that decision when they started the company 53 years ago, and it remains unchanged today."

"It's not a financial decision at all," added Nathan Borowski, a spokesman for the Sidney, Neb.-based retailer.

But the list of retailers ready for business on Thanksgiving is long and growing. It includes Wal-Mart Stores, Target, Best Buy, Kohl's and Macy's. Even the Houston Galleria announced that several of its stores will be open.

Partha Krishnamurthy, professor of marketing at the C.T. Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston, said bucking the trend can give retailers an opportunity to position themselves as family-friendly and values-oriented.

Cabela's has received a lot of support on social media from customers and employees, Borowski said.

And for those customers who can't wait? They can go online to shop the hunting and fishing company's special Thanksgiving deals.

At a Houston Trader Joe's this week, hand-drawn signs reminded shoppers the store would be closed for Thanksgiving so its employees could spend time with their families.

Costco warehouses will also be closed on Thanksgiving.

"Our employees work especially hard during the holiday season, and we simply believe that they deserve the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with their families," the company said in a written statement. "Nothing more complicated than that."

A prominent retail analyst said he thinks the decision to stay closed is based more on cold, hard economics rather than lofty feelings of family togetherness.

"If your customers aren't going to shop and you know that, it's ridiculous to open," said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates, a retail consulting and investment banking firm in New York.

Most of the retailers that aren't opening are more upscale stores such as Nordstrom and Neiman Marcus, Davidowitz said.

But most of those that cater to the lower and middle classes are opening because they're battling for market share. They figure there is only so much business that can be done, and they don't want to fall behind, he said.

Davidowitz rejected the assumption that employees don't want to be working on Thanksgiving, when many retailers offer premium pay to those who volunteer.

Lots of employees want the extra hours and the extra pay, he said. That includes those who work for retailers that won't be open on Thanksgiving.

Davidowitz chalks up much of the focus on family friendliness to a public relations effort more than anything else.

"If you don't open, you have made a strategic decision that you don't have to open," he said.

Nordstrom won't be open on Thanksgiving again this year. But that policy is not set in stone.

"We're always listening to our customers," Nordstrom spokesman Dan Evans said.

The upscale department store chain used to close for the Independence Day holiday on July 4, for example, but after receiving requests from its customers, it reversed course and opted to stay open.

In future years, Thanksgiving could work out that way, too.

"We like to listen to our customers," Evans said. "They guide us. We don't guide them."

However, some employees will still be working into the early hours of Thanksgiving morning. It's a company tradition that as soon as the stores close on Wednesday night, employees begin decorating for Christmas. That way, when the doors open on Black Friday, the trees, tinsel and wreaths are in place.

"We make it fun," Evans said of the late-night decorating tradition. Once it's done, employees go home to celebrate Thanksgiving.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Manuel A. Gomez, 52, of Midland was charged Tuesday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Randall G. Graham II, 28, of San Antonio was charged Tuesday with bench warrant.

Chancee L. Hoffman, 31, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

John T. Moya, 28, of Midland was charged Tuesday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Rita Murphy, 68, of Midland was charged Tuesday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000.

Jaylen T. Taylor, 28, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana between 2 and 4 ounces in a drug-free zone.

Adrian D. Vasquez, 21, of Midland was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Joshua J. Williams, 31, of Midland was charged Tuesday with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

L. J. Williams, 46, of Odessa was charged Tuesday with violation of parole.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATE CRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

FBI: Investigators steal rare comic books

Two Houston-area investigators are accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in rare comic books while working an embezzlement case.

A Harris County grand jury on Tuesday indicted Dustin Deutsch, 41, with felony theft by a public servant and tampering with evidence, the Houston Chronicle reported. Deutsch and his former partner at the Harris County District Attorney's Office, 39-year-old Lonnie Blevins, are accused of stealing the comics from a storage unit in 2012.

Both men were assigned to investigate attorney Anthony Chiofalo, who stole about $9 million from a crane-manufacturing company.

Chiofalo bought hundreds of collectibles with the stolen money, including a first-edition Batman comic valued around $900,000. The company, discovering the missing funds, alerted authorities.

The FBI said Deutsch had keys to a storage unit that held the vintage comics, and that Deutsch gave the rarities to Blevins, who sold them in Chicago.

The FBI arrested Blevins in February 2013, about two months after he left the district attorney's office. He pleaded guilty to federal charges in May and is awaiting sentencing.

After Blevins' arrest, Deutsch was arrested and later resigned.

DALLAS

Man pleads guilty in mailed steroids case

A North Texas man faces up to 25 years in prison in a mailed steroids case involving a package from Singapore to San Francisco to Dallas.

Investigators said 40-year-old Nicholas Todd Freed of Dallas also faked being a law officer and possessed child pornography.

Freed pleaded guilty Tuesday to attempted possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of implements for use in the production of false documents and possession of obscene visual representations of the sexual abuse of children.

Freed was arrested in January at a Dallas postal service business. He tried to collect a package that investigators said contained anabolic steroids mailed from Singapore and tracked through San Francisco.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day in the United States is a holiday on the fourth Thursday of November. It precedes Black Friday.

Thanksgiving Day is traditionally a day for families and friends to get together for a special meal. The meal often includes a turkey, stuffing, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin pie, and vegetables. Thanksgiving Day is a time for many people to give thanks for what they have.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Thanksgiving weather in Midland

Warmest high: 85 (Nov. 25, 1965)
Coldest low: 10 (Nov. 24, 1938)
Last year: High 57, low 31
Average high for Nov. 27: 62
Average low for Nov. 27: 35
Most snow: 1.7 inches (Nov. 22, 2007)

Most precipitation
1. Nov. 28, 1996 ..... 0.93 of an inch
2. Nov. 25, 1943 ..... 0.49 of an inch
3. Nov. 22, 2007 ..... 0.29 of an inch

Support groups

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Turkey Trot

Registration for the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot starts at 7 a.m. at Scharbauer Sports Complex with each of the three runs starting at 30-minute intervals beginning with the Kid's Fun Run at 8 a.m. followed by the 10K at 8:30 a.m. and ending with the 5K at 9 a.m. Entry fees are Kid's Fun Run (free with any food donation), 5K ($25) and 10K ($35).

Coming this weekend

Discover the Dinosaurs. Friday through Sunday, the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com

Coming in December

■ MOSC Sounds of the Season, Dec. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com
■ City of Midland "Wild West Christmas Parade" and tree lighting, Dec. 13 at downtown Midland. midlandtexas.gov
■ Midland Storytelling Festival, Dec. 11-13 at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com
■ "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com

Reading event

The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Dec. 18. This month's featured book is "The Reason for the Season."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Air and Space Port so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet her or him.

Too much turkey or something else?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 27, the 331st day of 2014. There are 34 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 27, 1924, Macy's first Thanksgiving Day parade — billed as a "Christmas Parade" — took place in New York.

On this date:

In 1901, the U.S. Army War College was established in Washington, D.C.

In 1973, the Senate voted 92-3 to confirm Gerald R. Ford as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew, who'd resigned.

Five years ago: Tiger Woods crashed his SUV outside his Florida mansion, sparking widespread attention to reports of unfaithfulness to his wife, Elin Nordegren. (The couple divorced the following year.)

(Note: Because lotto number results were released past press time, look for Wednesdays' results in Friday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.)

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Saudis suggest no need for OPEC output cut

Associated Press

VIENNA — Top OPEC producer Saudi Arabia suggested Wednesday there is no need for the cartel to cut its output ceiling despite a plunge in prices that has poorer members of the organization hurting.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi told reporters he expects the oil market to eventually "stabilize itself." That suggests the Saudis, who effectively determine OPEC's production policy, will not back any calls for reducing output by other nations at today's oil ministers' meeting.

The global price of oil has fallen 32 percent since late June to $78 a barrel, from $115, amid booming shale production in the United States. That, and continued weakness in some major world economies, has led to supply outpacing demand.

While the Saudis can weather such prices, poorer OPEC members like Venezuela and Nigeria need prices closer to $100 to fund national budgets. Iran too is suffering, with the price drop adding to huge revenue losses due to sanctions on crude sales imposed over its nuclear program.

Non-OPEC member Russia also needs prices substantially above present levels to meet budget goals.

Associated Press

Iran's Minister of Petroleum Bijan Namdar Zangeneh talks to journalists as he arrives at a hotel for a meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, OPEC, in Vienna, Austria, on Wednesday.

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Health insurance sign-ups coming to malls

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Obama administration will promote health insurance coverage at shopping malls starting on Black Friday and continuing through the busiest shopping days of the holiday season, officials announced Wednesday. They said more than 462,000 people selected a private insurance plan in the first week of 2015 enrollment through the online marketplace HealthCare.gov.

The government's enrollment push with Westfield Shopping Centers will involve setting up outreach tables at malls in Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, New York and Washington state. Westfield will post information about enrollment services on its website.

The administration released what it called a snapshot of signups for the first week of the enrollment period, which started Nov. 15. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell said 462,125 people chose a health plan in the 37 states using the federal website.

Of those, 48 percent are new customers, including enrollees in Oregon and Nevada, which turned over their troubled insurance markets to the federal government. The figures don't include states running their own insurance markets. The numbers represent only the choice of a plan, and not whether consumers paid their first month's premium — a requirement for coverage to start.

"We're off to a solid start, but we've got a lot of work every day between now and Feb. 15," the last day of the enrollment period, Burwell said in a conference call with reporters. About 1 million people phoned the enrollment site's help line, she said, and roughly an additional 100,000 callers chose to speak with a Spanish-speaking representative.

Burwell said the administration is sticking with its previously announced goal of signing up 9.1 million consumers for coverage in 2015.

Unlike last year, the website suffered no outages in the first week, officials said, and it's ready to handle 250,000 users at a time during anticipated surges around deadlines. Consumers must sign up by Dec. 15 for coverage to start on Jan. 1.

The figures announced Wednesday don't include dental plans, Burwell stressed. Last week, the administration acknowledged it had been over-reporting the number of enrollees by double-counting about 400,000 who had both medical and dental plans. Burwell said she has directed her staff to find out how the double-counting happened.

Burwell promised a weekly update on enrollment along with more thorough monthly reports that will include what's happening in state-based markets.

Along with the shopping mall campaign, HHS announced marketing partnerships with the National Community Pharmacists Association and the XO Group, a company that runs websites targeting brides, new mothers and homeowners. The pharmacists group will get enrollment information to its members and pharmacy customers, officials said.

At 1 month, US Ebola monitors finding no cases

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For three weeks, Dr. John Fankhauser and his family lived in two RVs in a meadow in North Carolina, watching movies, playing cards and huddling around a fire pit — with no other campers around.

But their isolation was interrupted each morning by a visit from a public health nurse, who came to ask Fankhauser how he was feeling and to watch him take his temperature.

The doctor is one of the more than 2,600 people who have undergone the 21-day ritual ordered by the federal government to guard against cases of Ebola from entering the country from West Africa. Now, anyone who has traveled from four West African nations is monitored for three weeks for fever and other signs of the disease.

The program reaches the one-month mark today, and so far, it hasn't found any cases of Ebola.

It's up to local officials to decide how to keep track of the travelers who end up in their states, and determine what — if any — restrictions to impose. Most checking is done through daily phone calls, often with the person calling in to report their temperature and any symptoms.

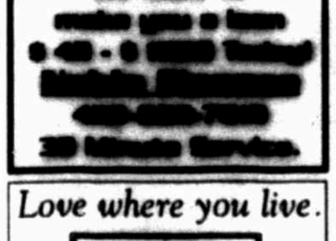
And by all accounts, most travelers have been cooperative. Last week during a Congressional hearing, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Tom Frieden said health officials lost track of only a tiny proportion of travelers — "less than 1 percent."

Success varies from place to place, but overall more than 95 percent of travelers from the countries are promptly contacted and monitored daily, according to CDC officials.

"State and local health departments have really stepped up to the challenge," said Randolph Daley, a CDC epidemiologist helping to coordinate the effort.

But there have been headaches. In the beginning, local health officials frequently complained they were getting bad contact information, or that travelers were getting or using the wrong phone numbers to dial in. Officials had to send their disease detectives out to track down the travelers.

"The first week was really bad. I went out to eight homes because no one was calling," said Jeanette Oliveras, a nurse for Trenton, New Jersey's health department.



3 reasons holiday shoppers will spend cautiously

By Anne D'innocenzio & Chris Rugaber
Associated Press

Falling gas prices. Soaring stock market. Unemployment at a six-year-low.

All signs point to a successful holiday shopping season. Despite the economic tail winds, though, retailers are finding themselves having to work to get shoppers into stores.

Why? Five years into the economic recovery, most Americans still are struggling.

Gas prices may be hovering at a four-year low, but Americans are paying more for food, health care and other costs. Unemployment is falling, too, but wage growth has been stagnant. And even though the stock and housing markets have improved, Americans haven't changed their deal-hungry shopping habits.

"Retail therapy is out the window for most Americans," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research firm.

Not that this holiday season is expected to be a dud. In fact, the National Retail Federation forecasts holiday sales will grow 4.1 percent to $616.9 billion — the highest increase since 2011. But retailers already have had to resort to discounting to get shoppers into stores.

Heavy discounting eats into profits. For example, over the past weekend, online sales rose 18.7 per cent, but the average order value was $112.86, down 5.4 percent for the same period a year ago because of promotions, according to IBM Digital Analytics Benchmark, which tracks sales at 800 websites.

Reflecting the tough environment, major department stores, including Macy's, J.C. Penney and Kohl's, reported sales shortfalls in the quarter preceding the holiday shopping season. Discounters like Target and Wal-Mart turned in better than-expected sales, but acknowledged that shoppers are cautious.

Take Amanda Simpson, 39, who works in public relations in Denton. The mother of two young children plans to spend $700 on holiday gifts, down from last year's $1,000.

Simpson said now that the economy is improving, she's focusing on building her savings. She and her husband, a government worker, are juggling daycare costs and higher health care expenses. Even the extra $20 a week from falling gas prices is going toward bills.

"I definitely feel better," she said. "But as a family, we are trying to be more fiscally conservative."

Here are three reasons many Americans plan to spend conservatively this holiday season even though economic factors have improved:

Slow wage growth

Paychecks have barely stayed ahead of inflation since the recession ended more than five years ago.

Average hourly wages, adjusted for inflation, rose just 0.3 percent in September from a year earlier. And many Americans, who once worked full time now have part-time jobs. There are still nearly 2 million fewer people working full time in December 2007, when the Great Recession began.

That's one reason shoppers might not spend briskly during the holiday despite the fact that the U.S. jobless rate hit 5.8 percent last month, down 1.5 percentage points from a year ago.

"The unemployment number is a bogus number," said Craig Johnson, president of Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy. "What drives spending is income growth."

Higher costs

Gas prices have fallen 20 percent from a year ago to $2.81. While that puts an average of $50 a month into the pockets of American households, they're still grappling with higher costs on other necessities like food and health care.

Overall food prices are up 1.7 percent from a year ago, according to the latest Consumer Price Index. Meat prices are up 8.5 percent, while egg prices rose 6.7 percent.

While Wal-Mart noted lower gas prices have helped to fuel more trips to the store, it said shoppers at its Sam's Club stores are trading down from red meat to chicken and ground beef.

J.C. Penney's CEO Mike Ullman told investors he expects customers will still be "very savvy" this holiday season even if they have more money to spend because of low fuel prices.

Shoppers want deals

Shoppers may feel a little better about the overall economy, but they're still focused on a deal. And they're still sticking to lists.

According to a recent survey of 500 shoppers by Accenture, 29 percent said it would take a discount of 50 percent or more to persuade them to make a purchase. Two years ago, that figure was 21 percent.

That's why a number of retailers have been heavily discounting holiday items all month. Many, including Target and Wal-Mart, have pulled forward some of the deals reserved for Black Friday.

A survey of 100 retailers by BDO, a consultancy, found that 34 percent will have already run most holiday deals by the time shoppers sit down for dinner.

"Everyone is still looking for a deal," said Mikael Thygesen, chief marketing officer at Simon Property Group, which operates 228 shopping centers, including Midland Park Mall.

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With eyes on 2016, Clinton selective on policy issues

Associated Press

Hillary Rodham Clinton listens before delivering remarks at an event in New York on Nov. 21. Clinton has offered praise for President Barack Obama's executive actions to stave off deportation for millions of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. But the Democrats' favored presidential hopeful has been less forthcoming on other issues in these early days of the 2016 contest. Clinton is not, so far, a candidate, and she's limiting her commentary about the daily news cycle confronting Obama.

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The former secretary of state, senator and first lady is not talking about the Keystone XL pipeline, rejected by one vote in the final weeks of the Democrat-led Senate. She has yet to speak publicly about a sweeping climate change agreement between the U.S. and China, an extension of talks over Iran's nuclear program or the Senate's move to block a bill to end bulk collection of Americans' phone records by the National Security Agency.

When Obama announced his moves to prevent the deportations for nearly 5 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally, Clinton quickly embraced the decision on Twitter. The president, she wrote, was "taking action on immigration in the face of inaction" in Congress. In doing so, she signaled that as a candidate, she would run against the Republican-led House and Senate that convenes next year. Clinton also drew a distinction from her would-be GOP opponents who have spoken of immigration reform in large part as a border security problem.

On other weighty policy matters, however, Clinton is mum.

"You've got to make choices if you're not a candidate," said Lanny Davis, a White House special counsel during the Clinton administration who attended law school with Bill and Hillary Clinton. "She is not a candidate for president. When she becomes a candidate, she has to start answering questions."

Clinton is expected to make her political intentions known in the coming weeks, likely in early 2015. Her speeches are closely watched for signs of how she might offer a rationale for her candidacy.

She campaigned for Democratic candidates during the fall, often pointing to pocketbook issues like equal pay for women, raising the minimum wage and expanded family leave policies. "A 20th century economy will not work for 21st century families," she said at an October rally.

Since then, Clinton has taken a more circumspect posture in public events, appearing at charity events and voicing support for issues related to her work at the Clinton Foundation. That approach allows her to stay above the political fray in the aftermath of Democrats' poor showing during the midterm elections.

Obama gets the bill for White House Thanksgiving

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's no free lunch — or breakfast or dinner — for President Barack Obama on Thanksgiving Day. Or any other day for that matter.

He has to dig into his pocket to pay for his holiday feast of turkey, ham, two kinds of stuffing, sweet and regular potatoes, and six different kinds of pie. It's a longstanding practice that a president pays for meals for himself, his family and personal guests.

Obama also has to pay for other basics.

Why is that?

Gary Walters, who was chief White House usher for many years, said the payment rule dates back to 1800 when the White House was first occupied by President John Adams and there was no staff. Presidents brought staff with them and paid for everything.

Congress gradually began spending money to maintain an official White House staff to oversee operations and maintenance, but presidents continued to pay for personal expenses.

What it boils down to, Walters said, is that the White House is first and foremost the president's home.

What is excluded?

White House chefs who prepare the president's meals are paid by the government.

For the budget year that ended Sept. 30, Congress gave the White House $19,000 to pay for official receptions and $12.7 million to cover operating expenses for the residence, which may include entertainment. The cost of meals for some White House events, including state dinners and receptions, is picked up by the State Department or political parties.

What else must the first family pay for?

Since presidents and first ladies can't easily pop into the neighborhood drug store, a White House residence staff member will pick up things like toothpaste and deodorant during shopping runs and keep the bill for Obama.

Another cost is private parties, such as the 50th birthday bash Obama threw earlier this year for first lady Michelle Obama. For private events, presidents pay for food and beverages, use of waiters and servers, and setup and cleanup crews. Taxpayers are only supposed to pay for official government functions.

How does it work?

The White House usher's office prepares a detailed bill and sends a copy to the president and another to the first lady by mid-month. It is itemized to account for all the food and beverages consumed by the first family and personal guests, and includes invoices and receipts for those costs and other services.

Obama then reimburses the government.

"It's just the tradition that it's continued on through time that the president will pay for their own food and, I guess, if they needed something for the house that was personal. Toothpaste, cologne or whatever," said William Bushong, chief historian at the White House Historical Association.

Has anyone ever complained about this?

The practice appeared to catch Nancy Reagan by surprise.

"Nobody had told us that the president and his wife are charged for every meal, as well as for such incidentals as dry cleaning, toothpaste and other toiletries," she said shortly after she and President Ronald Reagan moved into the White House in January 1981.

Laura Bush knew about it — she's the daughter-in-law of a president — but was still unprepared for some of the costs after becoming first lady in 2001.

"I was amazed by the sheer number of designer clothes that I was expected to buy, like the women before me, to meet the fashion expectations for a first lady," Bush wrote in her memoir, "After our first year in the White House, our accountant said to George (W. Bush), 'It costs a lot to be president,' and he was referring mainly to my clothes."

She also paid "with our own money" for someone to blow-dry her hair most mornings "just so I could try to avoid a bad hair day."

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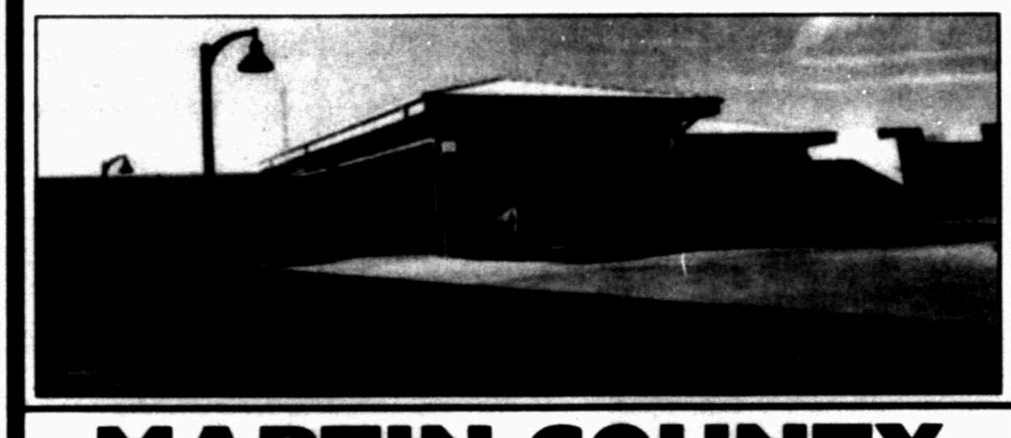

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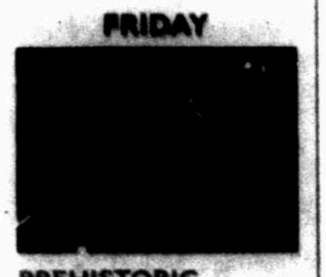

PREHISTORIC PARTY
Check out the Discover the Dinosaurs exhibit at the Horseshoe.

SATURDAY

LIVE MUSIC
See Justin Langston at Hotel Settles in Big Spring.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

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SMALL SCREEN
Check out our holiday TV guide for movies, specials on **Page 3**.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Penguins of Madagascar," "Horrible Bosses 2"
Closing: "Saving Christmas," "Beyond the Lights," "John Wick," "Fury"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Penguins of Madagascar," "Horrible Bosses 2"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Penguins of Madagascar," "Horrible Bosses 2"
Closing: "John Wick," "Ouija"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON

Lots of events offered for local entertainment

By Rich Lopez
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With parties to attend, gifts to wrap and families to visit, the holiday calendar can get filled up quickly. But if you're also making time to see a show whether by tradition or for the fun of it, we break down what's coming up through the rest of the year. So get out your planners and pencil some of these in to your holiday festivities.

"A Christmas Story: The Musical" at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Through Dec. 21. $18-$24.

Storytime: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N. 4 p.m. Dec. 1.

White Christmas Event at First UMC Midland, 300 N. Main St. The church screens the movie along with lunch in honor of the 60th anniversary of its release. 11:30 a.m. Dec. 2. $7.

Christmas at the Mansion: "A Black Forest Christmas" preview party at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 7 p.m. Dec. 3. $75.

Holiday Evening at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. The festivities will include the lighting of the Hodge Carillon Tower and caroling by MC Chap Singers. Music department ensembles will performs "Sounds of Christmas" in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium. Santa Claus will make an appearance. Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

4th annual Holiday Celebration at the Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The UTPB Music Department hosts a night of music featuring the varsity choirs of Andrews, Odessa and Permian high schools. Free but ticket is required. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4.

A Night at the North Pole at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St. 6 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6.

Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis' Holiday Shindig at the Yucca, 208 N. Colorado St. 7 p.m. Dec. 5. $15-$30.

Storytime: "The Polar Express" at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N. 4 p.m. Dec. 5.

H-E-B Feast of Sharing at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. 4-8 p.m. Dec. 5.

"The Polar Express" screens at Ector Theatre, 500 N. Texas Ave. 7 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6. $5 adults, $3 for children 12 and under.

The city of Midland annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Centennial Plaza. 6:30 p.m. Dec. 6. A holiday movie will also be shown.

Storytime: "Santa is Coming to Texas" at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2617 West Loop 250 N. 10:30 a.m. Dec. 6.

Junior Achievement's Jingle Bell Run at Centennial Plaza is the longest running 5K in Midland. The event raises money for JA's work with local schools and volunteers. 8:30 a.m. Dec. 6. $35.

Christmas at the Mansion: Gingerbread House Workshop at Museum of the Southwest. 1 p.m. Dec. 6. Free.

"Sounds of the Season" by MOSC featuring baritone Patrick Mason as Santa Claus at the Wagner Noel. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6.

Christmas at the Mansion: Open House at Museum of the Southwest. Dec. 6, 13, 20. Open House days feature Santa Claus, Christmas crafts and more. On Dec. 13, choir performances will be given throughout the day.

TCM presents: "A Christmas Carol" and "Christmas in Connecticut" at Regal Edwards Stadium 14, 4915 W. Loop 250 N. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Young audiences will find much to enjoy from MCT's 'A Christmas Story'

REVIEW

By Rich Lopez
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Die-hard fans of the movie "A Christmas Story" might find it blasphemous that it was turned into a stage musical in 2009 by Joseph Robinette, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul. But cast that aside. The score is peppy, the familiar vignettes are present and the show has much to offer younger audiences.

Midland Community Theatre's production followed suit with an able cast and a warm heart.

Split into two casts because of the numerous young actors working the show, opening night featured the Red Cast with Brock Bizzell as Ralphie Parker, the boy with only one hope for Christmas — a Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun.

But getting said gun won't be so easy as all the adults in his life advise "You'll Shoot Your Eye Out" sung by Miss Shields (Kathy Armstrong) and Ralphie's classmates. Parker tries to charm his mother (Jenna Petty) while his stern father (Matthew Nicholson) is distracted by mundane mail-in contests. His teacher doesn't fall for it and the department store Santa Claus (Joseph Jung) isn't quite the reliable type as evidenced by the song "Up On Santa's Lap."

With a large cast of child and young actors, director Tim Jebsen displayed a masterful hand in reining them into a cohesive cast. There are going to be the bumps that come with that, but they all came together to deliver a believable group of friends and classmates that were spunky and charming and relatable for younger viewers.

There was also some major talent there.

Alec Jung as Flick who has the unfortunate tongue experience with a frozen pole delivered some monumental comedic chops in a relatively short scene. Faith Berry was charming as Esther Berry, delivering a subtle but committed performance. Jake Engelstad played the bullying Scut Farkus with gangster appeal and Trey Rolston in his first role as Ralphie's little brother kept right up with his veteran costars.

But Friday night was about Brock Bizzell as the lead. His confidence in the lead role was never shaky. In essence, Ralphie is a bystander type and Bizzell tapped into that with understated nuance. Bizzell's timing was impeccable for a punch line or tugging at heart strings and his voice was remarkable.

Nicholson and Petty exhibited proper parental chops. Nicholson gave his character a hefty amount of physicality while Petty counterbalanced with her steadfast and calm. Unfortunately both suffered from unusual microphone choices. When speaking, their voices were off and some words were lost. When they switched into song, their mics popped on and singing voices boomed. This was bothersome.

Armstrong's exuberance gave the show its proper punch of comic relief. Carl Beery Moore narrated the show as his character recounts his younger

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Ralphie (Brock Bizzell), Mother (Jenna Petty), The Old Man (Matthew Nicholson) and Randy (Trey Rolson) rehearse a scene for Midland Community Theatre's production of "A Christmas Story" on Nov. 13 at MCT.

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Restaurants cater to turkey day crowds

From staff reports

Thanksgiving Day is one of a few days each year when most of the parking lots around town will be empty. But there are a few local restaurants that will open today. Some restaurants such as Eatery 117 and Cracker Barrel will cater to customers wanting the turkey day experience without the messy kitchen while others will stick to their normal menu items. So, whether you burned the turkey or you're craving a meal that doesn't include leftover green bean casserole, escape family time — or bring the whole gang — and stop in for a bite.

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CALENDARS

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Arolladora, Maquinaria, Noel Torres, 8 p.m. today at La Hacienda. haciendamidland.com.

Hayden Huse, Saturday at Lone Star Bar. facebook.com/thelonestarbar.

Justin Langston, Saturday at Hotel Settles in Big Spring. justinlangston.com.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

DANCE

West Texas Dance Club featuring live country western bands every Thursday night, 7:30-10 p.m., 301 E. 61st Street Odessa. 697-0281.

Ector County Thursday Night Dance, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

Permian Basin Dance Club, featuring live country western bands every Tuesday night, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church Ballroom. 520-4343.

THEATER, FILM & COMEDY

"A Christmas Story," Friday through Dec. 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Turkey Trot Fun Run benefiting Midland County Greater Works, 8 a.m. at Scharbauer Sports Complex. active.com.

'Tis Christmas Holiday Craft Show, Saturday and Sunday at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

KID-FRIENDLY

Discover the Dinosaurs, Friday through Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

American Girl event, 5 p.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. today at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

"Framed: Step Into Art" exhibit through Feb. 1 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org. 683-2882.

LIVE WIRE

NOVEMBER

28 **Flashback** @ The Detour
28 **Jarrod Sterrett and the Hired Guns** @ Redneck's
28 **Justin Langston** @ 10 Sports Bar
28-29 **Unsweet T's** @ The Bar
28-29 **The Road Kings** @ Your Place
29 **Midwest Tragedy** @ Redneck's
29 **Hayden Huse** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **Odessa Brand New Opree** @ Globe Theatre
29 **Tech Jazz, Mike Leonard, Marrissa Reschman** @ Music City Mall
29 **Justin Langston** @ Hotel Settles (Big Spring)
30 **Padlock, Mateo Rivas** @ Music City Mall

DECEMBER

2 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
3 **Joe Vaughn** @ Jonathan Thulin Christmas Living Room (Snyder)
4 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club
4 **Three Bad Jacks** @ Lucky Duck's Tattoo
4 **Rodney Parker and 50 Peso Reward** @ Rockin' Rodeo
5 **Road Kings** @ The Detour
5 **Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis** @ Yucca Theatre
5 **Warrant, L.A. Guns** @ La Hacienda
5 **Jeff Shepherd, Rachel Kate, C.W. Ayon** @ Blue Max
5-6 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar

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City 14, 4915 W Loop 250 N. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 7.

Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas Luncheons at Museum of the Southwest. Noon. Dec. 9-11, Dec. 16 and 17. Lunch is served in the historic Turner Mansion and catered by The Market Grill and Bar. Reserve individual seats or full tables but do so early. Wine available for those 21 and up. $35 per person. $190 per table of six.

Christmas at the Mansion: ReinBeer Episode IV at Museum of the Southwest. Dec. 10. Sold out.

Holiday Cheer at the Library at the Downtown Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. The library will feature a holiday movie, cookie decorating and hot chocolate. Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Robert Earl Keen Christmas at the Wagner Noel. The Texas musician's version of Christmas wasn't always filled with snow and chestnuts, but instead with ball games and cigarettes. 8 p.m. Dec. 11. $27-$57.

'Twas the Night: The Betenbough Homes Annual Christmas Event at Legends Park Model Homes, 5603 Champions Drive. The festive atmosphere will feature Christmas stories, children's crafts and Santa and Mrs. Claus. 6 p.m. Dec. 11. Free.

Midland County Public Library downtown location Open House will feature live music, finger foods and more. 4-30 p.m. Dec. 11.

Christmas at the Mansion: Christmas Tea at Museum of the Southwest. Dec . 12 and 19. Tea times are 3 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. Free but reservations are required.

Yuletide at the Yucca. The "Dancing in Celebration of the Season" will feature performances by Absolute Dance Studio, Aloha O'Hawaii Dance Group, Ballet Folklorico, MCT's Pickwick Players, West Texas A&M Dancers. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13. $6-$12.

"A Christmas Story" screens at Ector Theatre. Dec. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m. $5 adults, $3 for children 12 and under.

Wild West Christmas Parade by the city of Midland at Centennial Plaza. 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

Ugly Sweater Christmas Run at Museum of the Southwest. 11 a.m. Dec. 13. Running and sweaters come together for this second annual 5k fun run. Children can get in on the action with the 1-mile Reindeer Dash. Break out those horrendous Christmas sweaters and make a dash. The event also includes, hot beverages and snacks, photos with Santa and awards for the ugliest sweaters. Register online or download the form at museumsw.org/Christmas.

One Night in Bethlehem at First UMC Midland. The church presents this recreation of the night of Jesus' birth. The event is open to families with children of all ages. 4-6 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14.

MOSC presents A Lone Star Brass Christmas at the Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall in the Wagner Noel. 3 p.m. Dec. 14. $15.

Michael Martin Murphey's Cowboy Christmas at the Wagner Noel. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17. $29-$39.

Holiday Cheer at the Library at the Midland County Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. The library will feature a holiday movie, cookie decorating and hot chocolate. Dec. 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Midland County Library Centennial branch open house will feature live music, finger foods and more. Dec. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

"Miracle on 34th Street" screens at Ector Theatre. 7 p.m. Dec. 19 and 20. $5 adults, $3 for children 12 and under.

Christmastime in the City Hayrides at Stonegate Fellowship Church, 6000 West Wadley Ave. The church's annual hayrides run through Grassland Estates and also feature concession stands. Dec. 19-21.

Midland Festival Ballet's "The Nutcracker" at the Wagner Noel. MFB's annual tradition is in its 21st year and features more than 100 locals in the cast. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20-21. $20-$59.

Winter Holiday Fun with Crestview Church at the Downtown Library. The event will feature a craft table and reading circle. Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Winter Movie Camp: "Arthur Christmas" at Petroleum Museum, 1500 W Interstate 20 West. 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 23 For children 5 and up. $5.

Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker" at the Wagner Noel. Finish off the year with this show that includes oversized puppets, growing Christmas trees and life-sized Matrushka Dolls. 7 p.m. Dec. 30. $28-$175.

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PLAY

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days. His booming voice was also comforting as he relived both painful and joyful moments. Moore knew not to get overly sentimental as that was Bizzell's job, but the two playing off each other's words was a gem.

Sets were apropos to the family home, the classroom and Santa Claus' appearance, but the plain white scrim behind it all was expansive and made much of the goings on feel very small. Edward McPherson's choreography was smart and he kept it simple but still delightful for the tone of the show.

To say this is a children's play is incorrect, but this is a show younger audiences will likely enjoy. A number of children in Friday night's audience were right there along with Ralphie and chatted among each other about their Christmas experiences. Adults will likely enjoy what's coming next as the show unfolds with familiarity from the famous leg lamp to the Christmas Chinese dinner.

WANT TO GO?

"A Christmas Story: The Musical" at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Through Dec. 21. $18-$24. mctmidland.org.

Miyazaki's aviation tribute soars; World War II saga bores

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Wind Rises" (PG-13) Hayao Miyazaki's final film may offend many Americans, yet his loving tribute to Japanese aviation is a fitting farewell. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Ardennes Fury" (unrated) The story is decent enough but the unabashed mangling of historical facts and military culture is unforgivable. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"And So it Goes" (PG-13) Cute, but overall a disappointment considering the caliber of talent involved. **B-**

"Automata" (R) An obvious homage to "Blade Runner" and "THX 1138" falls short of its competition. **B-**

"En Vogue Christmas" (unrated) While it's lovely to see the group together again — even if it's for an overly sentimental Lifetime movie — can the group recapture the magic that made them one of the most successful female groups of all time? In a word, no. **C**

"The Fluffy Movie: Unity Through Laughter" (PG-13) There's a lot less of Gabriel Iglesias to love these days; he's lost about 80 pounds, but this stand-up concert shows he's still one of the funniest — and cleanest — comedians in the business. **B**

"Fray" (unrated) Bare bones character study lacks any real emotion. **C-**

"If I Stay" (PG-13) Of the two high-profile romance amid tragedy teen romances this year — "The Fault in Our Stars" being the other — this is the better film. **B**

"Into the Storm" (PG-13) Kind of like watching a great boxing match. The action is spectacular, but the stuff between rounds is accusingly slow and boring. **B-**

"Reclaim" (R) A ridiculous waste of talent, the far-fetched action sequences ruin what could have been a good story. **C**

"Sin City: A Dame to Kill For" (R) The dazzling effects don't have the same effect as they did the first time around and the story isn't as inspired, but Frank Miller's inner Mickey Spillane is in fine form. **B**

"22 Jump Street" (R) Doesn't quite capture the magic of the first, but the running gag of it being a sequel coupled with Ice Cube's inspired outrage and a hilarious montage of possible future sequels keep it entertaining. **B**

The small screen: Holiday specials, movies take over TV

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The holiday season is now upon us, accompanied by plenty of familiar movies, live events and specials that are coming to a TV near you to set the mood for the celebrations to come.

From old favorites like "Miracle on 34th Street" and "Frosty the Snowman" to more recent additions like "Elf" or the brand new special, "Toy Story That Time Forgot," now is the time to get your Christmas and holiday movie fix.

Below is some of the notable holiday-themed programs and movies that will be on TV this week.

Today:
8 a.m. - The Thanksgiving Day Parade on CBS (CBS)
8 a.m. - Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (NBC)

Friday:
7 p.m. - "Disney Prep & Landing" (ABC)
7:30 p.m. - "Prep & Landing 2: Naughty vs Nice" (ABC)
8 p.m. - "Frosty the Snowman" (CBS)

Saturday:
6 p.m. - "Radio City Christmas (NBC)
6:30 p.m. - "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" (Disney)
7 p.m. - "The Flight Before Christmas" (CBS)
7 p.m. - "Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever" (Lifetime)
8 p.m. - "The Story of Santa Claus" (CBS)

Sunday:
9:40 a.m. - "Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas" (ABC Family)
12:45 p.m. - "Home Alone" (TBS)
2:45 p.m. - "Surviving Christmas" (TBS)
4:30 p.m. - "Fred Claus" (TBS)
7 p.m. - "Four Christmases" (TBS)
9 p.m. - "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (ABC Family)
9 p.m. - "Four Christmases" (TBS)

Monday:
(ABC Family's "25 Days of Christmas" begins)
4 p.m. - "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" (ABC Family)
5 p.m. - "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (ABC Family)
7 p.m. - "CMA Country Christmas" (ABC)
7 p.m. - "Elf" (ABC Family)
9 p.m. - "The Santa Clause" (ABC Family)
11 p.m. - "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" (ABC Family)

Tuesday:
5 p.m. - "Elf" (ABC Family)
7 p.m. - "Toy Story That Time Forgot" (ABC)
7 p.m. - "The Santa Clause" (ABC Family)
7:30 p.m. - "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (ABC)

Wednesday:
7 p.m. - "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" (NBC)
8 p.m. - "SNL Christmas" (NBC)
8 p.m. - "The Polar Express" (ABC Family)

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TORINO'S Combination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 | 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons | 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.

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WEEKENDER PUBLISHES A PORTION OF THE RESTAURANT GUIDE EACH WEEK. ENTREE PRICE RANGE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE ON THE MENU: $ = $1-10, $$ = $10-20 AND $$$ = $20 OR MORE. RESTAURANTS ARE GIVEN A GENERAL RATING BASED ON QUALITY OF FOOD, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL EXPERIENCE. 1 SPOON = POOR, 2 SPOONS = AVERAGE, 3 SPOONS = ABOVE AVERAGE, 4 SPOONS = GOOD AND 5 SPOONS = EXCELLENT.

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JASON'S DELI Chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

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MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

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TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

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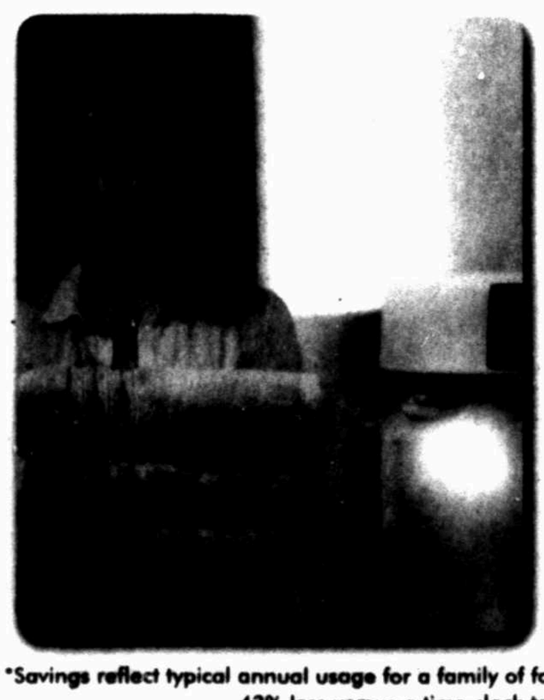
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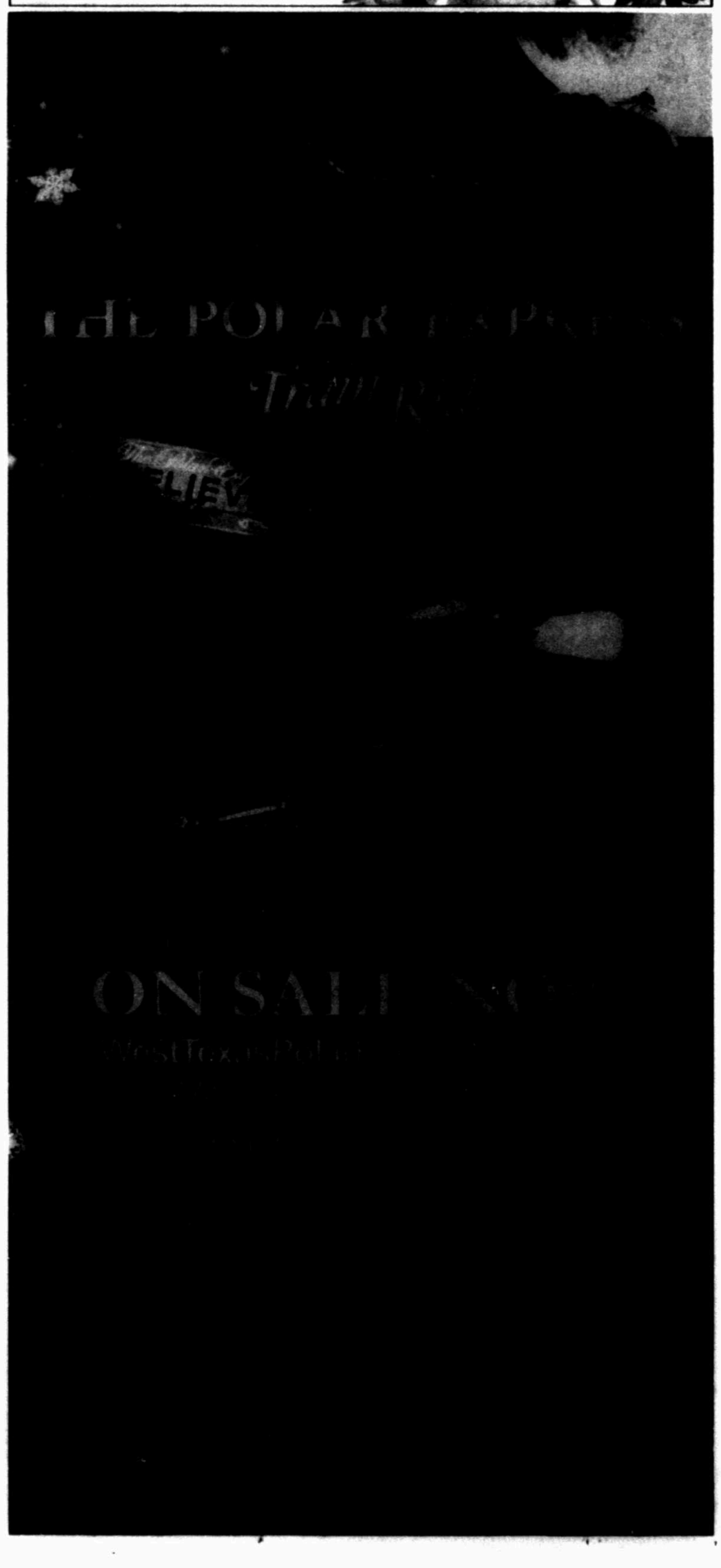

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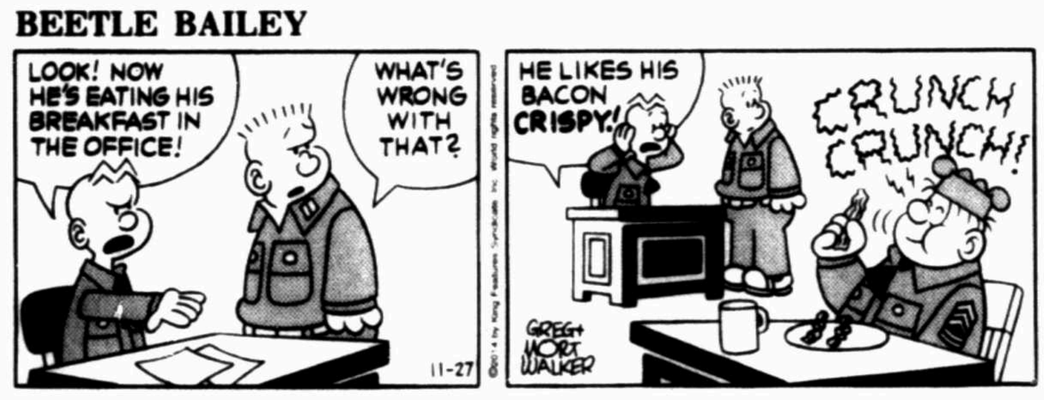

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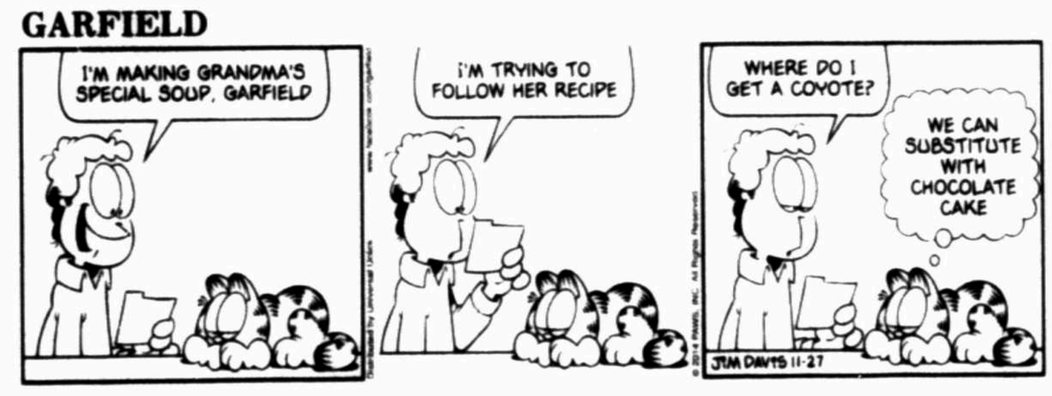

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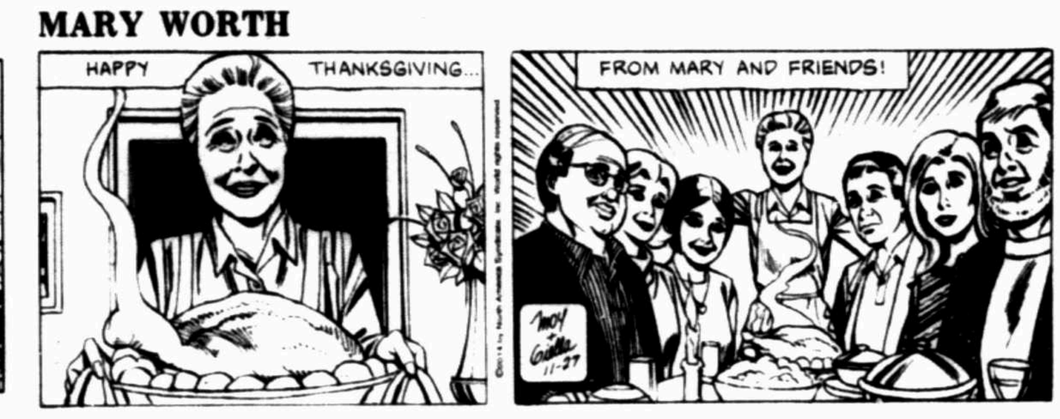

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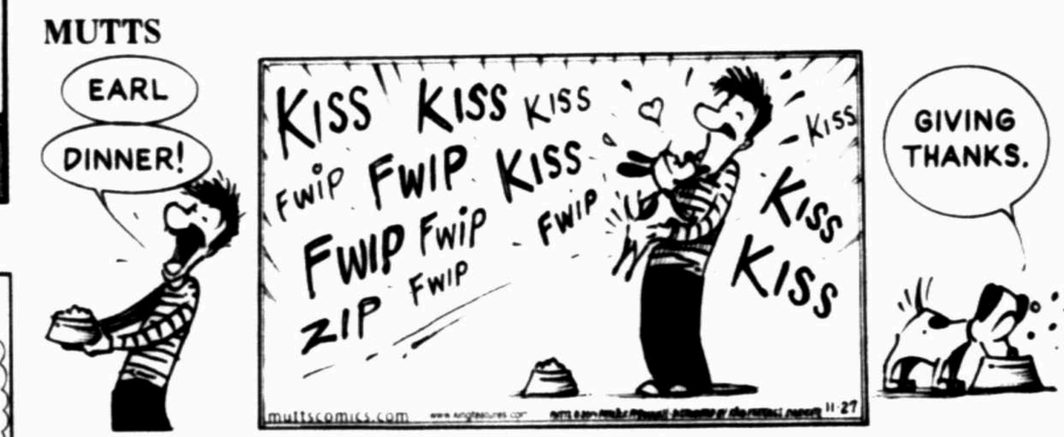

CLOSE TO HOME

When zombies try to break the wishbone.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WHAT IS EVERYONE THANKFUL FOR TODAY?"

"I'M THANKFUL OWNERS AT NOON AN' KICK-OFFS AT TWO!"

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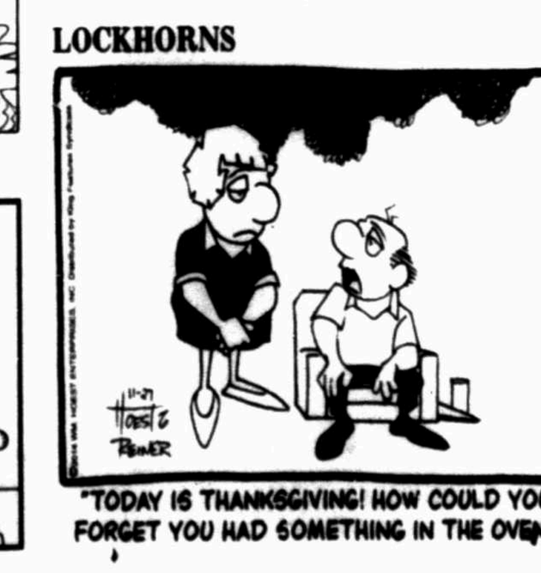
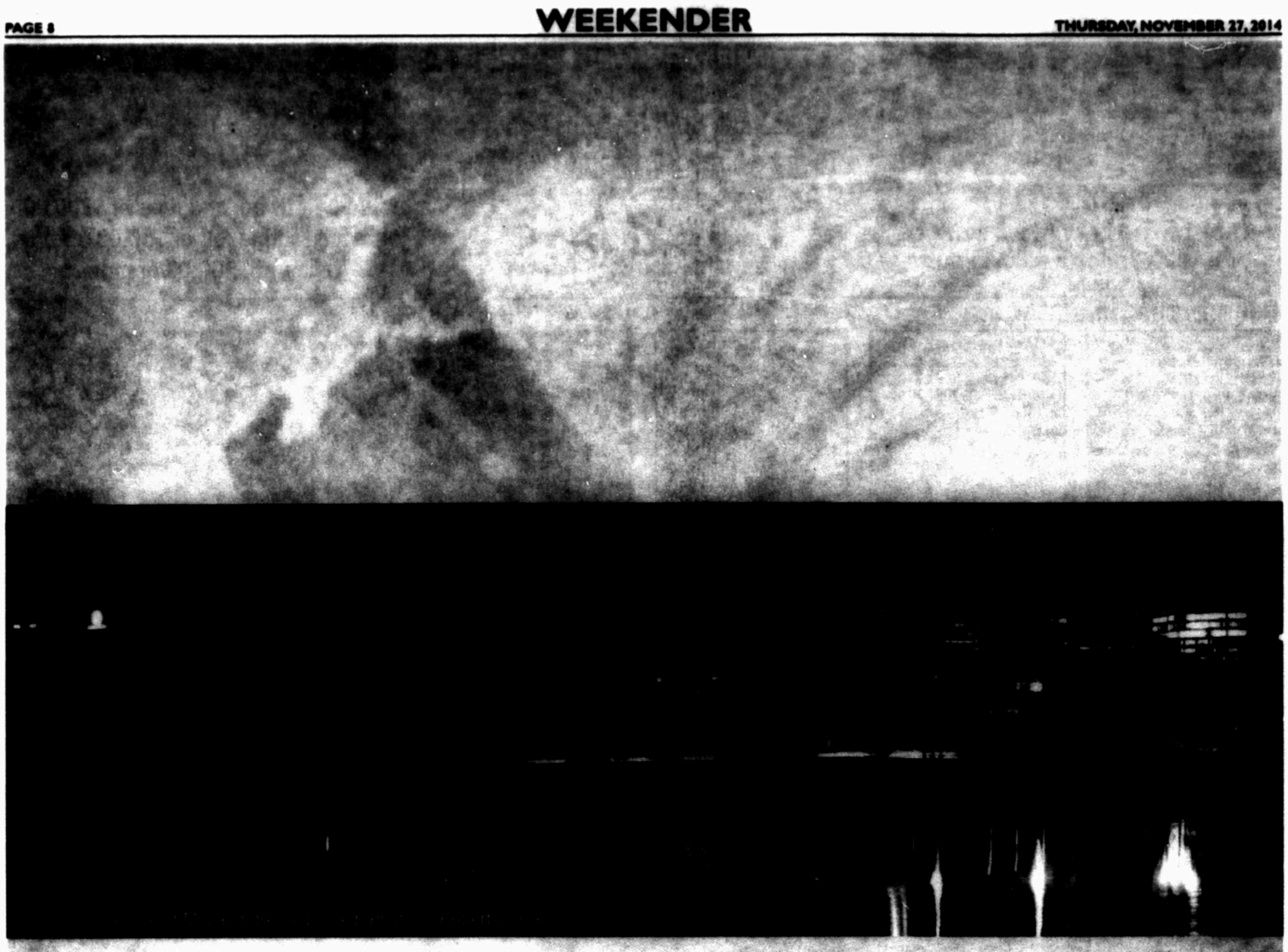


"TODAY IS THANKSGIVING! HOW COULD YOU FORGET YOU HAD SOMETHING IN THE OVEN?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I'm not very hungry, Mommy. How 'bout I skip dinner and just watch a little TV."



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This Thanksgiving should be a very interesting one

LEN HAYWARD
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I doubt when Abraham Lincoln first proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving in 1863, he knew that the holiday would one day become synonymous with football.

But 151 years after Lincoln's proclamation and more than 70 after Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Congress changed it to the fourth Thursday in November from the last Thursday, it's a holiday that is as much about football as it is shopping and turkey.

The NFL was the first to take advantage of the holiday when the Lions started playing the Green Bay Packers in the 1930s. Now, it's likely the biggest football weekend of the year, and this year's slate is possibly the best I've seen in a long time.

There are important games all weekend in college and pro football, and if you want to get out in the weather, you can even see some high school football.

So here's my Thanksgiving Weekend viewer's guide for football, going day by day.

Today

College

TCU at Texas: I like to call this the: "We're Texas and we can play whoever we want on Thanksgiving and the rest of the Big 12 has to like it" game. Anyway, this game has major playoff implications for TCU, and the Longhorns are playing well. This is going to be fun.

LSU at Texas A&M: This game is the Aggies' answer for their Thanksgiving game to counter Texas. This regional rivalry has a chance to be good, but A&M has to win sometimes to make a true rivalry. Will that be tonight?

NFL

Best game of the day: Philadelphia vs. Dallas. This NFC East Showdown will be interesting for a number of reasons, but most importantly, it could determine the NFC East champ. It's a big game for both teams and will get huge ratings.

The Eat While you Watch Game: Detroit-Chicago. It's hard to tell what this may be considering Jay Cutler is playing, and who knows what Lions team will show up? Either way, this might be the game you eat during dinner and glance up at every now and then. It also might be the coming out party for the Lions in front of a national audience.

Click Back and Forth Game: Seattle-San Francisco. Most Texans will be watching either of the two games above, but the Seattle-San Francisco game is very intriguing. It will be one to pay attention too mainly because it has a college rivalry feel to it.

Friday

High School

OK, none of these games are on

Please see **HAYWARD**/6C

The Cowboys are ready

Murray no surprise to rushing champ McCoy

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — DeMarco Murray's huge lead in the NFL rushing race isn't a surprise to last year's winner.

Philadelphia's LeSean McCoy figured the Dallas back just needed to get the ball.

"I've been a big fan of DeMarco for a while, not just this year," said McCoy, whose Eagles visit the Cowboys on Thanksgiving in a matchup of NFC East co-leaders at 8-3. "They're giving him some lanes to run in."

And Dallas is giving Murray the ball — a lot. He's on pace for the most carries since Kansas City's Larry Johnson set the league record with 416 in 2006, and the load has actually eased the past month.

The Cowboys stuck with Murray through a penchant for fumbles early in the season, and now they're staying with him against stacked defenses that have caused slow starts.

"I think that's been kind of our philosophy all year, is grind out at the beginning, kind of grind out those 2-, 3-yard runs and the big ones will come," rookie guard Zack Martin said. "It's a credit to our coaches for sticking with the run game and with DeMarco, and a credit to him, too, for not giving up on us and trusting us that we're going to get our job done."

Murray began the season with eight straight 100-yard games, breaking Hall of Famer Jim Brown's 56-year-old NFL record of six. Murray is the only back to hit the century mark 10 times in the first 11 games.

At 1,354 yards rushing, Murray is 403 ahead of Pittsburgh's Le'Veon Bell with five games remaining after McCoy led the league last season at 1,607. McCoy is up

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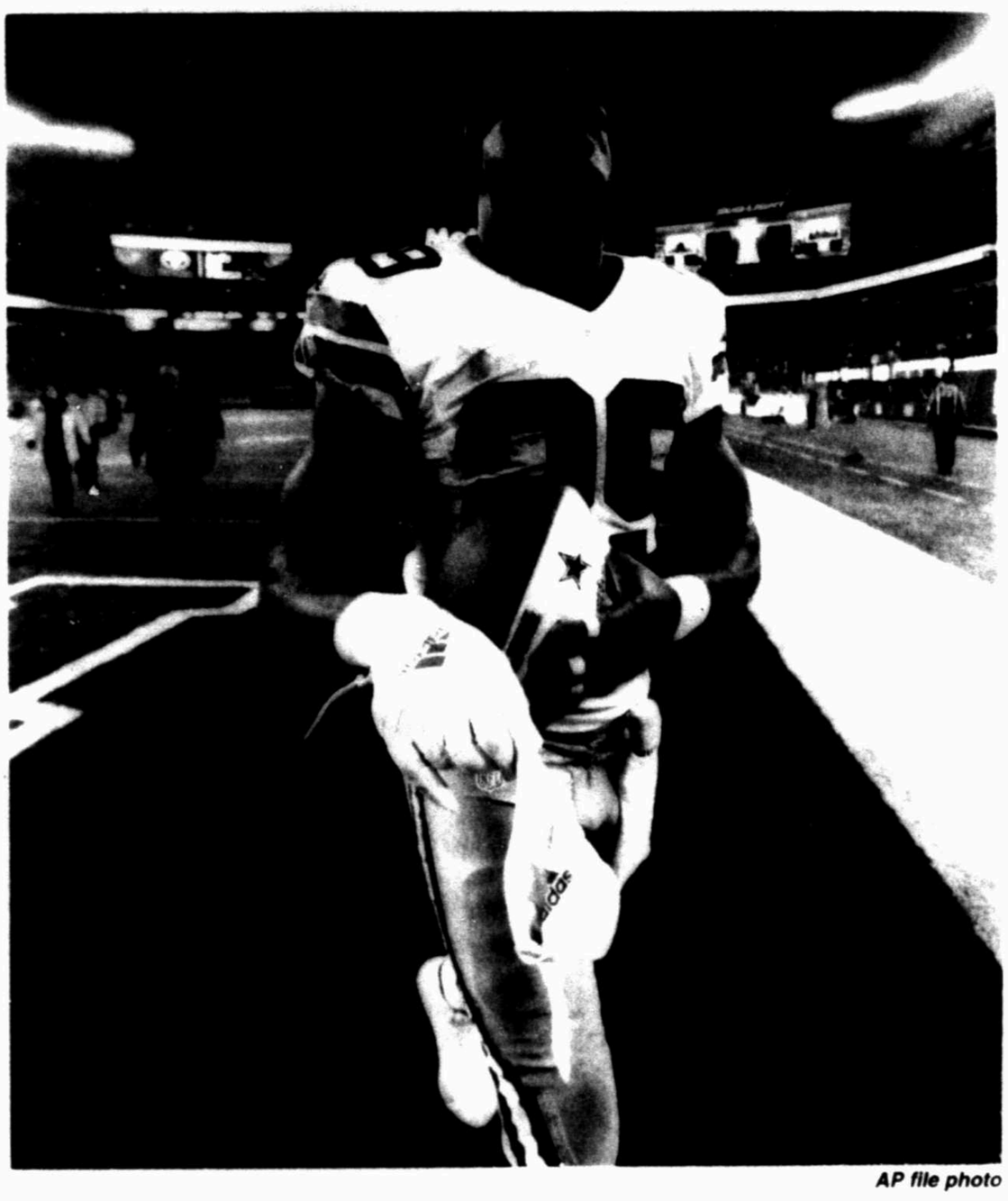

AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys running back DeMarco Murray walks off the field after the Cowboys beat the New York Giants 31-28 in an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N.J., on Nov. 23. Murray keeps churning out 100-yard games, and is closing in on Emmitt Smith's single-season franchise record.

The game

Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys
When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: AT&T Stadium, Arlington
TV: Fox

Louisianan Everett aiming to exit Kyle in style vs. LSU

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

COLLEGE STATION — Deshazor Everett, like many youth, finally chose between favorite sports in high school.

"I had to focus my career one way or the other," recalled Everett, now a senior Texas A&M cornerback.

One sport involved a mythical interior motor, the other a quite real external motor, and both activities occasionally led to big-time headaches.

"Honestly, I wanted to be a dirt bike racer," Everett said, smiling. "But I got hurt on one around my junior year in high school. A concussion. I just got knocked out."

So he opted for a slightly less gravity defying sport, football, also with the idea of the two, one might pay for college. The Aggies are glad he did, even if he's fought through injuries in that sport, too, in leading A&M's defense.

"Deshazor has developed immensely since he's been here," A&M linebacker and fellow senior Justin Bass said. "His freshman year, he was this little fireball always ready to go and full of energy. Now, you can see his humbleness, and the focus he has to lead. It's been good to see."

Everett is one of 17 A&M seniors, including 11 starters, preparing to play their final game at Kyle Field starting 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving against LSU. He's also the best known among Southeastern Conference fandom, based on one moment. His victory-clinching play at

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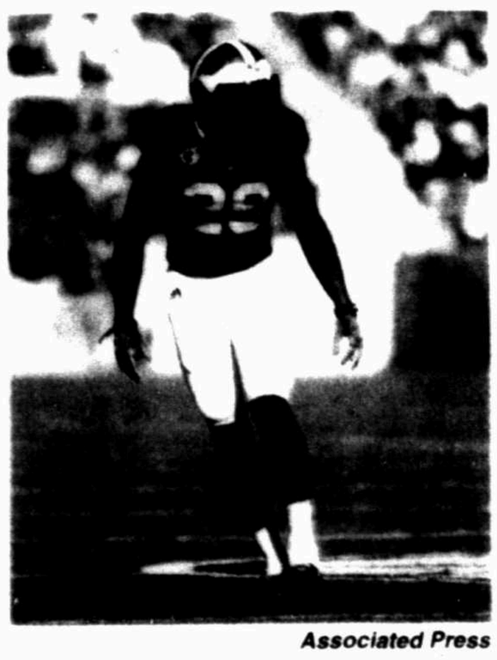
The game

LSU at Texas A&M
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kyle Field, College Station
TV: ESPN



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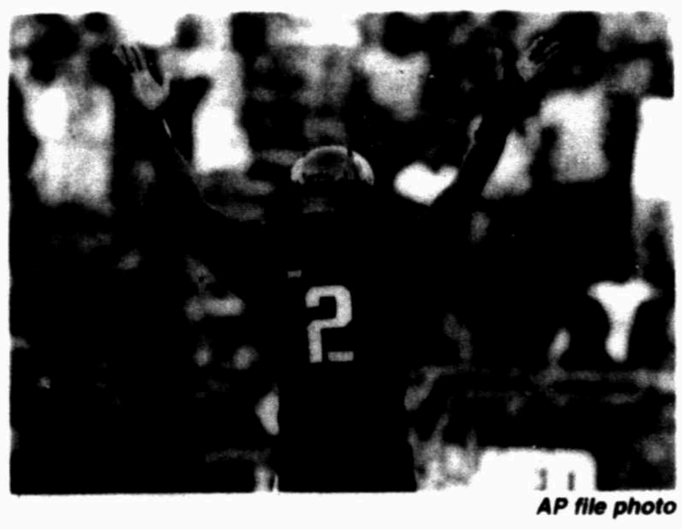
Texas A&M defensive back Deshazor Everett stands at the line of scrimmage during an NCAA college football game against Louisiana Monroe on Nov. 1 in College Station.

No. 5 TCU prepares for showdown with Texas



AP file photo

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin celebrates a score against Texas Tech in the second half of the game in Fort Worth on Oct. 25.

By Carlos Mendez
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — A word popped up to describe the mood at TCU on Tuesday, two days before the latest biggest game of the season for the Horned Frogs.

Chill.

"I feel we're a pretty chill team when it comes to not getting stressed out," center Joey Hunt said.

What does that mean?

"We're relaxed, don't let the moment get to you," safety Sam Carter said. "Just go with the flow. Just do what you've been doing all year."

What the Frogs have been doing all year is winning. They've won nine out of 10, which is why they go into Thursday night's game at Texas with a chance at the Big 12 championship and a spot in the College Football Playoff.

All they have to do is win. What pressure?

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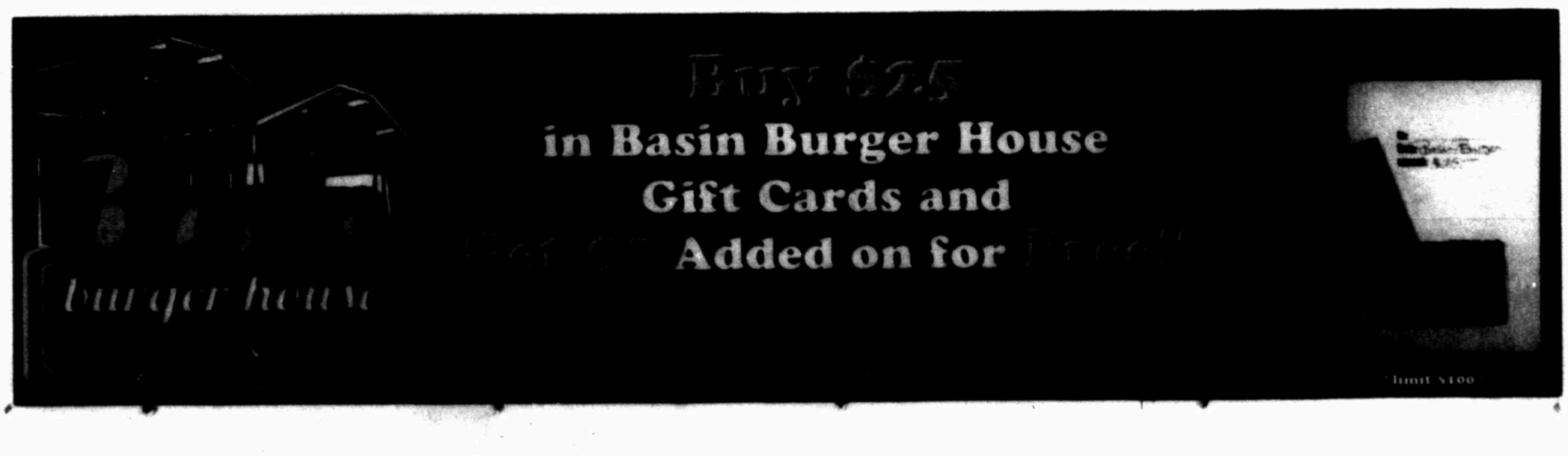
The game

No. 5 TCU at Texas
When: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium, Austin
TV: FS1



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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

2014 NAB AFL Draft, 1:30 a.m., FOXSOCP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

TCU at Texas, 6:30 p.m., FS1

GOLF

Emirates Australian Open, Second Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Orlando Classic: Santa Clara vs. Tennessee, 11 a.m., ESPN2

Battle 4 Atlantis: Semifinal 1, Noon, ESPN

Orlando Classic: Kansas vs. Rhode Island, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Wooden Legacy: Princeton vs. UTEP, 1 p.m., ESPNU

Battle 4 Atlantis: Semifinal 2, 2:30 p.m., ESPN

NIT: LIU Brooklyn vs. Stony Brook, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Wooden Legacy: Xavier vs. San Diego, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

Las Vegas Invitational: Illinois vs. Indiana State, 4 p.m., FS1

NIT: Western Kentucky vs. Saint Joseph's, 5 p.m., ESPNU

Orlando Classic: Michigan State vs. Rider, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

Battle 4 Atlantis: Consolation 1, 6 p.m., AXS

Orlando Classic: Marquette vs. Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

Wooden Legacy: Long Beach State vs. Western Michigan, 7:30 p.m., ESPNU

Great Alaska Shootout: Rice vs. Mercer, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN

Battle 4 Atlantis: Consolation 2, 8:30 p.m., AXS

Wooden Legacy: Washington vs. San Jose State, 10 p.m., ESPN2

Las Vegas Invitational: Baylor vs. Memphis, 11 p.m., FS1

Great Alaska Shootout: Washington State vs. UC Santa Barbara, 11 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: Panathinaikos at Dinamo-Moscow, 10 a.m., FOXSOCP

UEFA Europa: Everton at Wolfsburg, Noon, FS1

UEFA Europa: Sevilla at Feyenoord, Noon, FS2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Napoli at Sparta Praha, Noon, FOXSOCP

UEFA Europa: Partizan Belgrado at Tottenham, 2 p.m., FS1

UEFA Europa: Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk at Internazionale Milano, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Salzburg at Celtic, 2 p.m., FOXSOCP

UEFA Europa: Borussia Monchengladbach at Villarreal, 2 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa Sudamericana: Boca Juniors at CA River Plate, 6:30 p.m., FOXDEP

NFL

Chicago at Detroit, 11:30 a.m., CBS

Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:30 p.m., FOX/FOXDEP

Seattle at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m., NBC

LOCAL SPORTS

FEDRO ACES AT NUEVA VISTA

Bob Fedro recorded a hole-in-one on No. 2 at Nueva Vista Golf Club on Nov. 15. Fedro used a 6-iron from 190 yards.

Witnesses were Dan Marchant, Kory Nickel and Josh Wilkerson.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — [illegible]

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Traded [illegible] to Baltimore for cash considerations.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned LHP [illegible] and OF [illegible] outright to Salt Lake (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated [illegible] for assignment. Agreed to terms [illegible]. Released [illegible] Molina and 2B Cole Figueroa.

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned RHP [illegible] outright to Colorado Springs (PCL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Assigned OF [illegible] outright to El Paso (PCL).

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — [illegible]

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Traded [illegible]

[illegible]

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — [illegible]

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Traded [illegible] to Ottawa for a player to be named.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Fined Detroit DT Dominic Raiola $[illegible] for his actions in last week's game.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released [illegible] Palmer from the practice squad.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Released WR [illegible] from the practice squad. Signed WR [illegible] Martes to the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed DE [illegible] on injured reserve. Signed LB [illegible] from the practice squad [illegible].

HOUSTON TEXANS — Released OT Chris [illegible] from the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released LB [illegible] Williams and RB Michael Hill from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Released DB [illegible]. Released DE Emmanuel Dieke from the practice squad. Signed DB R.J. Stanford. Signed DE Ahmad Dixon to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB [illegible] Skinner and DB Daxton Swanson from the practice squad. Signed TE Xavier Grimble and [illegible] to the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed OT Phil [illegible] on injured reserve. Signed OT J. Marcus Webb.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed TE David Ausberry on injured reserve. Signed OT Ricky [illegible] from the practice squad.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Released WR Damian Williams. Signed TE Justice Cunningham from the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed TE [illegible] Williams. Signed LB Dennis Allen and TE [illegible] Brate from the practice squad. Released RB Mike James. Released DB Quinton Pointer [illegible]

TENNESSEE TITANS — Released TE [illegible]. Signed LB Karen Burnett from Arizona's practice squad and LB Chaz Sutton to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Assigned [illegible] to Cincinnati (ECHL).

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA — Named [illegible] manager of accounting and [illegible].

COLLEGE

[illegible] — Announced the retirement [illegible] Joseph Lee.

MLS PLAYOFF GLANCE

KNOCKOUT ROUND

Eastern Conference

[illegible]

Western Conference

Wednesday, Oct. 29: FC Dallas [illegible]

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Eastern Conference

New England 7, Columbus 3

[illegible]

New York 3, D.C. United 2

[illegible]

Western Conference

LA Galaxy 5, Real Salt Lake 0

[illegible] LA Galaxy 5, Real Salt Lake [illegible]

Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1

[illegible] Seattle [illegible]

[illegible] Monday, Nov. 10: FC Dallas [illegible], Seattle [illegible], Seattle advances on away goals

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Eastern Conference

New England vs. New York

[illegible] Sunday: New England 2, New York [illegible]

[illegible] Saturday: New York at New England [illegible]

Western Conference

LA Galaxy vs. Seattle

[illegible] Sunday: LA Galaxy 1, Seattle [illegible]

[illegible] Nov. [illegible]: LA Galaxy at Seattle [illegible]

MLS CUP

Sunday, Dec. [illegible]: New England-New York winner vs. LA Galaxy-Seattle winner, [illegible]

CFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Nov. 16

Division Semifinals

East Division

Montreal [illegible], B.C. [illegible]

West Division

Edmonton [illegible], Saskatchewan [illegible]

Sunday

Division Finals

East Division

Hamilton 40, Montreal 24

West Division

Calgary 43, Edmonton 18

Grey Cup

Nov. 30

At Vancouver

Hamilton vs. Calgary, [illegible]

PGA MONEY LEADERS

Through Nov. 16

Rank	Player	Points YTD	Money
1	Robert Streb	681	$1,328,963
2	Sang-Moon Bae	605	$1,346,000
3	Ben Martin	574	$1,219,833
4	Bubba Watson	55[illegible]	$1,400,000
5	Ryan Moore	541	$1,328,500
6	Charley Hoffman	519	$1,116,475
7	Shawn Stefani	368	$724,190
8	Tim Clark	366	$899,435
9	Brendon de Jonge	363	$670,262
10	Kevin Streelman	356	$764,550
11	Will MacKenzie	329	$650,386
12	Nick Taylor	325	$756,663
13	Steven Bowditch	325	$669,000
14	Tony Finau	287	$608,358
15	Jason Bohn	284	$629,283
16	Hideki Matsuyama	265	$536,833
17	Kevin Na	259	$603,667
18	Danny Lee	251	$502,872
19	Sergio Garcia	249	$591,167
20	Russell Knox	242	$478,425
21	Andres Gonzales	237	$433,334
22	Gary Woodland	222	$567,917
23	Hudson Swafford	207	$373,659
24	Brooks Koepka	193	$424,267
25	Scott Piercy	189	$357,208
26	Ken Duke	178	$374,319
27	Nicholas Thompson	177	$279,206
28	Martin Laird	174	$349,590
29	Jerry Kelly	173	$320,872
30	John Senden	172	$364,014
31	David Hearn	169	$356,928
31	Kevin Kisner	169	$296,664
33	Retief Goosen	166	$321,902
34	Hunter Mahan	166	$339,100
35	Chris Kirk	165	$310,333
36	Lee Westwood	165	$322,267
37	Jimmy Walker	157	$330,607
38	Fabian Gomez	153	$275,565
39	Rickie Fowler	152	$381,667
39	Graeme McDowell	152	$381,667
41	Bryce Molder	151	$291,095
42	Brandt Snedeker	151	$286,193
43	Brice Garnett	142	$274,880
44	Russell Henley	142	$282,000
45	Webb Simpson	142	$275,867
46	John Peterson	141	$179,508
47	Zachary Blair	140	$211,017
48	David Lingmerth	139	$221,100
49	Boo Weekley	136	$366,000
50	Ryo Ishikawa	135	$172,860
51	Daniel Summerhays	134	$121,993
52	Marc Leishman	134	$201,346
53	Kevin Chappell	133	$260,467
54	Blayne Barber	133	$264,571
55	Jeff Overton	132	$123,183
55	Rory Sabbatini	132	$249,363
57	Scott Brown	130	$268,087
58	Carlos Ortiz	130	$236,865
59	Andrew Svoboda	126	$224,814
60	John Huh	125	$125,268
61	Spencer Levin	124	$213,436
62	William McGirt	124	$193,782
63	Colt Knost	123	$138,644
64	Kyle Reifers	122	$152,842
65	Aaron Baddeley	122	$104,329
66	Billy Hurley III	121	$241,765
67	Brendan Steele	120	$127,914
68	Andrew Putnam	119	$179,158
69	Jason Dufner	118	$185,200
70	Scott Stallings	117	$203,900
71	Mark Wilson	116	$256,800
72	Justin Thomas	115	$229,186
73	Jonas Blixt	112	$213,500
74	Robert Allenby	112	$202,510
75	Jonathan Byrd	107	$135,424
76	Jason Kokrak	106	$163,156
77	Jim Herman	105	$130,139
78	Davis Love III	102	$208,600
79	Alex Cejka	101	$153,588
79	Carl Pettersson	101	$121,515
81	Martin Kaymer	96	$213,667
81	Ian Poulter	96	$213,667
83	John Rollins	94	$194,764
84	David Toms	94	$200,800
85	Matt Kuchar	93	$109,160
86	Jon Curran	91	$180,544
86	Patrick Reed	91	$126,700
88	Cameron Tringale	88	$91,160
89	Harris English	86	$128,530
90	Erik Compton	84	$83,931
91	Max Homa	82	$72,714
92	Adam Hadwin	82	$168,803
93	Stewart Cink	82	$75,462
94	Tom Hoge	82	$79,140
95	Greg Chalmers	82	$94,794
96	Oscar Fraustro	81	$153,351
97	Charles Howell III	80	$156,306
98	Chris Stroud	75	$80,065
99	Daniel Berger	74	$70,565
100	Derek Fathauer	71	$138,794
101	Mark Hubbard	70	$52,941
102	Adam Scott	67	$108,000
103	Fred Funk	66	$141,171
104	Bill Haas	66	$96,060
105	Tom Gillis	65	$69,833
106	James Hahn	65	$94,080
106	Sean O'Hair	65	$100,042
108	Jarrod Lyle	63	$53,795
109	J.B. Holmes	62	$86,187
110	Tim Wilkinson	61	$66,029
111	Chad Collins	61	$62,567
112	Michael Putnam	60	$64,145
113	Scott Langley	58	$105,627
114	Brian Stuard	57	$135,684
115	Charl Schwartzel	57	$137,000
116	Heath Slocum	56	$81,680

STATEWIDEHSPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 6A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Odessa Permian (9-3) vs. Euless Trinity (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Arlington Martin (10-2) vs. Allen (12-0), 1 p.m. Friday, Denton's Apogee Stadium

Region II
Regional

Dallas Skyline (12-0) vs. Klein Collins (11-1), 4 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Mesquite Horn (11-1) vs. Klein Oak (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region III
Regional

Cypress Ranch (10-2) vs. Galena Park North Shore (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Houston's TDECU Stadium

Cypress Fairbanks (9-3) vs. Dickinson (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Rice Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Converse Judson (8-4) vs. Laredo United (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

SA Reagan (11-1) vs. Los Fresnos (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

San Angelo Central (11-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Abilene (9-3) vs. Cedar Hill (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Aledo

Region II
Regional

Rockwall (12-0) vs. Spring Westfield (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Georgetown ISD Stadium

Waco Midway (12-0) vs. Spring (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS

Region III
Regional

Katy (11-1) vs. Pearland Dawson (8-4), 1 p.m. Friday, Houston's Rice Stadium

Cypress Woods (8-4) vs. Manvel (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Rice Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Cibolo Steele (11-1) vs. Weslaco East (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, CC's Buccaneer Stadium

SA Northside Brandeis (11-1) vs. Brownsville Rivera (7-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Canyon Randall (11-1) vs. WF Rider (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

EP Del Valle (11-1) vs. Aledo (11-1), 3 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Region II
Regional

McKinney North (10-2) vs. Mansfield Lake Ridge (8-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Kincaide Stadium

Rockwall-Heath (10-2) vs. Tyler (10-2), noon Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Region III
Regional

Temple (10-1) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center

Bryan (10-1) vs. Richmond George Ranch (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Waller

Region IV
Regional

Austin LBJ (10-2) vs. Victoria West (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

Austin Vandegrift (10-2) vs. CC Flour Bluff (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamo Stadium

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Canutillo (11-1) vs. Azle (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium

EP Eastlake (9-3) vs. Everman (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Region II
Regional

Frisco Heritage (10-2) vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Cotton Bowl

Lewisville The Colony (9-3) vs. Ennis (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waxahachie

Region III
Regional

Brenham (9-3) vs. Crosby (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Hutto (10-2) vs. Angleton (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Center

Region IV
Regional

Cedar Park (9-3) vs. Mission Sharyland (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Heroes Stadium

Kerrville Tivy (9-3) vs. Gregory-Portland (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Stephenville (8-3) vs. Big Spring (9-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Abilene Wylie (10-2) vs. Graham (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville ISD Complex

Region II
Regional

Kennedale (12-0) vs. Argyle (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium

Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (7-5) vs. Paris (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant

Region III
Regional

Henderson (10-2) vs. Jasper (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin

Navasota (12-0) vs. El Campo (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Rockport-Fulton (9-3) vs. Liberty Hill (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium

Waco Robinson (8-4) vs. Burnet (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Baylor's McLane Stadium

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Vernon (8-4) vs. Sweetwater (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells

Celina (10-2) vs. Iowa Park (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, FW Brewer

Region II
Regional

Gilmer (12-0) vs. Gladewater (11-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium

Atlanta (11-1) vs. Tatum (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Longview's Pirate Stadium

Region III
Regional

West Orange-Stark (10-2) vs. La Marque (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Baytown's Stallworth Stadium

La Grange (12-0) vs. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Cuero (10-2) vs. Yoakum (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria

Sinton (9-3) vs. Wimberley (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Breckenridge (7-5) vs. Shallowater (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shallowater

Wall (11-1) vs. Brock (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

Region II
Regional

Pottsboro (11-1) vs. Whitesboro (4-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denison

Pilot Point (10-2) vs. Mineola (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Forney's Citi Bank Stadium

Region III
Regional

Kirbyville (11-1) vs. Rockdale (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Cameron Yoe (8-4) vs. East Chambers (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, New Caney

Region IV
Regional

Mathis (9-3) vs. Hallettsville (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Braunfels Canyon

Edna (7-5) vs. Ingram Moore (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, New Braunfels Canyon

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Spearman (12-0) vs. Cisco (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship

Eastland (11-1) vs. Sonora (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Region II
Regional

Gunter (11-1) vs. Sadler S&S Consolidated (6-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denison

Howe (7-5) vs. Waskom (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

Region III
Regional

Crockett (7-5) vs. Rogers (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, College Station HS

Newton (9-3) vs. Franklin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine

Region IV
Regional

East Bernard (11-1) vs. Blanco (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Giddings

Odem (11-1) vs. Van Vleck (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Canadian (11-0) vs. Stratford (9-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Wellington (8-4) vs. Abernathy (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Region II
Regional

Crawford (11-1) vs. Hico (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Mart (11-0) vs. Tolar (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Vernon's Newsom Stadium

Region III
Regional

Gladewater Union Grove (11-0) vs. Alto (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Carthage

Centerville (8-3) vs. Price Carlisle (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin

Region IV
Regional

Thorndale (9-2) vs. Refugio (11-0), 6 p.m. Friday, SA's Farris Stadium

Three Rivers (11-0) vs. Mason (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buda

DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Quanah (9-3) vs. Crosbyton (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde

Seagraves (11-0) vs. Farwell (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region II
Regional

Santo (11-1) vs. Hamlin (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Weatherford

Winters (10-1) vs. Albany (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Clyde

Region III
Regional

Normangee (8-4) vs. Tenaha (9-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Bullardio

Iola (10-0) vs. Chilton (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS

Region IV
Regional

Bremond (11-0) vs. Louise (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop

Bruni (9-2) vs. Falls City (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, CC Flour Bluff

CLASS A
DIVISION I
Region I
State Quarterfinals

Happy (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Littlefield

Region II
State Quarterfinals

Ira (12-0) vs. Crowell (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium

Region III
State Quarterfinals

Gordon (11-1) vs. May (9-2), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium

Region IV
State Quarterfinals

Blum (10-1) vs. Abbott (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West

DIVISION II
Region I
State Quarterfinals

Follett (11-1) vs. Groom (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Pampa

Region II
State Quarterfinals

Ackerly Sands (6-6) vs. Loraine (7-5), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Robert Lee

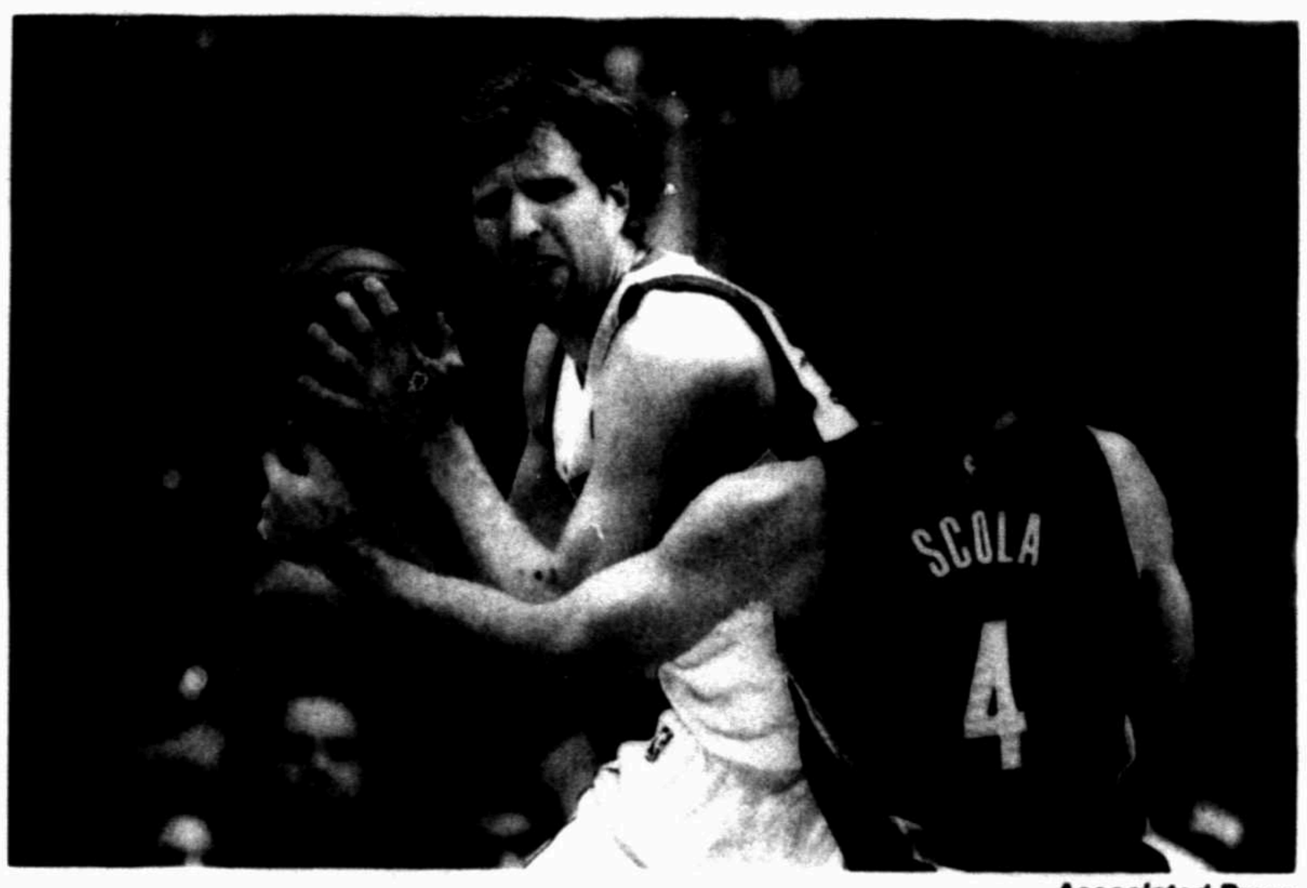
Region III
State Quarterfinals

Guthrie (12-0) vs. Throckmorton (11-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Seymour

Region IV
State Quarterfinals

Richland Springs (12-0) vs. Calvert (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Hico

NBA AND NHL STANDINGS



Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzk struggles against Indiana Pacers' Luis Scola of Argentina trying to position for a shot at the basket in the second half of the game on Monday in Dallas.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	12	2	.857	—
Brooklyn	5	8	.385	6½
Boston	4	8	.333	7
New York	4	11	.267	8½
Philadelphia	0	14	.000	12

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	9	4	.692	—
Atlanta	7	5	.583	1½
Miami	8	7	.533	2
Orlando	6	10	.375	4½
Charlotte	4	11	.267	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	9	6	.600	—
Milwaukee	8	7	.533	1
Cleveland	6	7	.462	2
Indiana	6	8	.429	2½
Detroit	3	11	.214	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	2	.857	—
Houston	11	3	.786	1
San Antonio	9	4	.692	2½
Dallas	10	5	.667	2½
New Orleans	7	6	.538	4½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	11	3	.786	—
Denver	7	7	.500	4
Utah	5	10	.333	6½
Minnesota	3	9	.250	7
Oklahoma City	3	12	.200	8½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	11	2	.846	—
Sacramento	9	5	.643	2½
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615	3
Phoenix	9	6	.600	3
L.A. Lakers	3	11	.214	8½

Wednesday's Scores

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, late
Golden State at Orlando, late
Portland at Charlotte, late
Washington at Cleveland, late
New York at Dallas, late

Friday's Games

Chicago at Boston, noon
Golden State at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	16	6	1	33	61	57
Tampa Bay	22	14	6	2	30	77	60
Detroit	21	11	5	5	27	59	52
Boston	23	13	9	1	27	59	57
Toronto	21	11	8	2	24	67	63
Ottawa	21	10	7	4	24	58	56
Florida	19	7	6	6	20	41	51
Buffalo	21	6	13	2	14	36	70

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	20	14	4	2	30	72	46
N.Y. Islanders	21	15	6	0	30	69	57
N.Y. Rangers	20	9	7	4	22	57	58
Washington	20	9	8	3	21	56	54
New Jersey	21	9	9	3	21	53	61
Philadelphia	20	8	9	3	19	57	61
Carolina	20	6	11	3	15	48	62
Columbus	21	6	13	2	14	51	76

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	21	14	5	2	30	61	45
St. Louis	22	14	6	2	30	59	46
Chicago	21	12	8	1	25	63	44
Winnipeg	23	11	9	3	25	49	53
Minnesota	20	12	8	0	24	58	44
Dallas	21	8	9	4	20	61	72
Colorado	21	7	9	5	19	53	67

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	22	13	4	5	31	60	54
Vancouver	21	14	6	1	29	65	61
Calgary	22	13	7	2	28	71	61
Los Angeles	22	11	6	5	27	60	53
San Jose	23	10	9	4	24	62	64
Arizona	22	9	11	2	20	54	67
Edmonton	21	6	13	2	14	49	74

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Scores

Winnipeg at Buffalo, late
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, late
Philadelphia at Detroit, late
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, late
Carolina at Florida, late
Toronto at Pittsburgh, late
Los Angeles at Minnesota, late
Chicago at Colorado, late
Calgary at San Jose, late

Today's Game

Edmonton at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, noon
Chicago at Anaheim, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Boston, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Men

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTH

FIU at SC-Upstate, 2:30 p.m.
Cal St. Fullerton vs. Wright St. at the Hodge Center, Spartanburg, S.C., 5 p.m.

FAR WEST

Austin Peay vs. Brown at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 1 p.m.
Illinois vs. Indiana St. at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 4 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin vs. Prairie View at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 8 p.m.
Baylor vs. Memphis at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 11 p.m.

EAST

LIU Brooklyn vs. Stony Brook at Madison Square Garden, 3 p.m.
W. Kentucky vs. Saint Joseph's at Madison Square Garden, 5 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
Battle 4 Atlantis
At Paradise Island, Bahamas
Semifinals

Butler-North Carolina winner vs. UCLA-Oklahoma winner, noon
Wisconsin-UAB winner vs. Florida-Georgetown winner, 2:30 p.m. Consolation Bracket
Butler-North Carolina loser vs. UCLA-Oklahoma loser, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin-UAB loser vs. Florida-Georgetown loser, 8:30 p.m.

GCI Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska
First Round

Rice vs. Mercer, 8:30 p.m.
Washington St. vs. UC Santa Barbara, 11 p.m.

Orlando Classic
At Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
First Round

Santa Clara at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
Kansas vs. Rhode Island, 1 p.m.
Michigan St. vs. Rider, 5:30 p.m.
Marquette vs. Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Wooden Legacy
At Fullerton, Calif.
First Round

Princeton vs. UTEP, 1 p.m.
San Diego vs. Xavier, 3:30 p.m.
Long Beach St. vs. W. Michigan, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose St. vs. Washington, 10 p.m.

Friday's Games
SOUTHWEST

New Orleans at Texas A&M, noon
Radford vs. NC A&T at American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, 12:30 p.m.
MVSU vs. Texas A&M-CC at American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, 3 p.m.
Lamar at Texas Southern, 3 p.m.
TCU vs. Bradley at American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, 6 p.m.
North Texas at Arkansas, 8 p.m.
Mississippi St. vs. Saint Louis at American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, 8:30 p.m.

SOUTH

E. Illinois vs. NC Central at The Arena, Niceville, Fla., 11 a.m.
Southern U. vs. N. Arizona at The Arena, Niceville, Fla., 1:30 p.m.
Wright St. vs. FIU at the Hodge Center, Spartanburg, S.C., 2:30 p.m.
Samford at Louisiana Tech, 4 p.m.
Middle Tennessee vs. Cincinnati at The Arena, Niceville, Fla., 4 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Florida St., 5 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at SC-Upstate, 5 p.m.
Drake vs. Valparaiso at Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, Tenn., 5 p.m.
High Point at Clemson, 6 p.m.
Savannah St. at Jacksonville St., 6 p.m.
Monmouth (NJ) at Maryland, 6 p.m.
South Alabama at Miami, 6 p.m.
Boise St. at NC State, 6 p.m.
Delaware St. at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Jackson St., 7 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Marshall, 7 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Creighton vs. Mississippi at The Arena, Niceville, Fla., 7:30 p.m.
Murray St. vs. Portland at Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, Tenn., 7:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
Barclays Center Classic
At Brooklyn, N.Y.
First Round

Rutgers vs. Vanderbilt, 6 p.m.
La Salle vs. Virginia, 8:30 p.m.

Battle 4 Atlantis
At Paradise Island, Bahamas

Third Place, 1 p.m.
Championship, 3:30 p.m.
Fifth Place, 7 p.m.
Seventh Place, 9:30 p.m.

GCI Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska
Semifinals

Pacific-Alaska Anchorage winner vs. Missouri St.-Colorado St. winner, 8:30 p.m.
Rice-Mercer winner vs. Washington St.-UC Santa Barbara winner, 11 p.m.

Consolation Bracket

Pacific-Alaska Anchorage loser vs. Missouri St.-Colorado St. loser, 3 p.m.
Rice-Mercer loser vs. Washington St.-UC Santa Barbara loser, 5 p.m. NIT Season Tip-off

At New York

Third Place, 3:30 p.m.
Championship, 6 p.m.

Orlando Classic
At Lake Buena Vista, Fla.
Semifinals

Santa Clara-Tennessee winner vs. Kansas-Rhode Island winner, Noon or 1:30 p.m.
Michigan St.-Rider winner vs. Marquette-Georgia Tech winner, 8 p.m. Consolation Bracket
Santa Clara-Tennessee loser vs. Kansas-Rhode Island loser, Noon or 1:30 p.m.
Michigan St.-Rider loser vs. Marquette-Georgia Tech loser, 5:30 p.m.

Wooden Legacy
At Fullerton, Calif.
Semifinals

Princeton-UTEP winner vs. San Diego-Xavier winner, 2:30 p.m.
Long Beach St.-W. Michigan winner vs. San Jose St.-Washington winner, 10:30 p.m.

Consolation Bracket

Princeton-UTEP loser vs. San Diego-Xavier loser, 4:30 p.m.
Long Beach St.-W. Michigan loser vs. San Jose St.-Washington loser, 8 p.m.

Women

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST

Furman vs. Hartford at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 1 p.m.
Washington vs. Florida St. at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 2:30 p.m.
Santa Clara vs. UTEP at Puerta Vallarta (Mexico) Convention Center, 2:30 p.m.
Montana vs. Charlotte at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 5 p.m.
Kansas St. vs. LSU at Puerta Vallarta (Mexico) Convention Center, 5 p.m.
Wake Forest vs. Princeton at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTH

San Diego St. vs. Idaho St. at Mario Morales Coliseum, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 10 a.m.
Clemson vs. Ohio St. at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 12:15 p.m.
Wichita St. vs. Florida Gulf Coast at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 2:30 p.m.
Illinois vs. Kentucky at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. South Florida at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 7:15 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
Junkanoo Jam-Lucaya
At Freeport, Bahamas
First Round

East Carolina vs. Syracuse, 1 p.m.
Wisconsin vs. South Carolina, 3:15 p.m.

Friday's Games
SOUTHWEST

Florida St. vs. Furman at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, noon
Fordham vs. Incarnate Word at the Convocation Center, San Antonio, noon
Drake at UTSA, 2:30 p.m.
Hartford vs. Washington at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 2:30 p.m.
Stetson vs. Marist at The Ferrell Center, Waco, Texas, 5 p.m.
Princeton vs. Montana at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 5 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Rice, 6 p.m.
Utah St. at Baylor, 7 p.m.
Christian Brothers at Arkansas St., 7:05 p.m.
Charlotte vs. Wake Forest at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTH

Michigan vs. Washington St. at Mario Morales Coliseum, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 11 a.m.
E. Kentucky vs. W. Carolina at Trask Coliseum, Wilmington, N.C., 11 a.m.
Ohio St. vs. Wichita St. at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 12:15 p.m.
UNC Asheville at N.C. Central, 1 p.m.
North Florida at UNC Wilmington, 1 p.m.
James Madison vs. Maryland at Mario Morales Coliseum, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 1:30 p.m.
Florida Gulf Coast vs. Clemson at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 2:30 p.m.
Idaho St. vs. Houston at Mario Morales Coliseum, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 4 p.m.
Kentucky vs. Oklahoma at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 5 p.m.
Stony Brook at Duke, 5:30 p.m.
Lafayette at Louisville, 6 p.m.
South Florida vs. Illinois at UVI Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, 7:15 p.m.

FAR WEST

E. Michigan vs. Cal St. Fullerton at Pan American Center, Las Cruces, N.M., noon
Wyoming vs. Iowa St. at McKeon Pavilion, Moraga, Calif., 2 p.m.
Weber St. at New Mexico St., 3 p.m.
Iowa vs. Arkansas at South Point Arena, Las Vegas, 3 p.m.
Nebraska at UCLA, 3 p.m.
Howard at Saint Mary's, 4 p.m.
Kent St. vs. Texas A&M-CC at the Robert A. Mott Athletics Center, San Luis Obispo, Calif., 5 p.m.
American vs. Gonzaga at South Point Arena, Las Vegas, 5:30 p.m.
Stanford vs. North Carolina at the Stan Sheriff Center, Honolulu, 6 p.m.
Dartmouth at Cal Poly, 7 p.m.
Cent. Michigan vs. Oregon at South Point Arena, Las Vegas, 8 p.m.
Fresno St. at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Prairie View at Hawaii, 8:30 p.m.
Army at UC Santa Barbara, 9 p.m.

MIDWEST

Mercer at Saint Louis, 1 p.m.
MVSU at UMKC, 1 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Oakland, 6 p.m.
SE Missouri at S. Illinois, 6:05 p.m.
N. Colorado at Nebraska-Omaha, 7 p.m.

EAST

La Salle at LIU Brooklyn, 1 p.m.
Colgate at Rutgers, 1 p.m.
Binghamton at St. John's, 1 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at Navy, 2:30 p.m.
Grand Canyon vs. N. Kentucky at Alumni Hall, Annapolis, Md., 3 p.m.
Towson vs. Rhode Island at the Steinberg Wellness Center, Brooklyn, N.Y., 3:30 p.m.
Florida at Georgetown, 6 p.m.
Monmouth (N.J.) at Wagner, 6 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS
Cal Classic
At Berkeley, Calif.
First Round

San Jose St. at California, 7:30 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Creighton, 9:30 p.m.

Denver Tournament
At Denver
First Round

Belmont vs. Akron, 1 p.m.
Siena at Denver, 3:30 p.m.

DoubleTree LA Westside Thanksgiving Classic
At Los Angeles
First Round

UC Irvine vs. Bowling Green, 3 p.m.
UAB at Loyola Marymount, 5:30 p.m.

FAU Thanksgiving Tournament
At Boca Raton, Fla.
First Round

NJIT at FAU, 11 a.m.
Northeastern vs. N. Dakota St., 1:30 p.m.

FIU Thanksgiving Classic
At Miami
First Round

Arizona vs. FIU, 5 p.m.
Toledo vs. Virginia, 7 p.m.

SEC schools have incentive beyond border conflicts

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Here comes SEC rivalry week, with an exclamation point.

A conference that's again arguably the best in the nation, with six ranked teams, has saved plenty of drama for the final week-end of the regular season.

Fandom has no trouble reaching fever pitch for Auburn-Alabama, Georgia-Georgia Tech, Arkansas-Missouri and Ole Miss-Mississippi State. Geography and tradition says it all.

"Everybody says hate, but I think there's an-other level," Georgia wide receiver Chris Conley said. "Everything about this game is you're trying to demean and dominate your opponent."

In most cases, more than bragging rights is at stake. Every coach has the same message: Seize the mo-ment and don't lose your head.

REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

WEEK 14
NOV. 27-DEC. 1

Len Hayward
Last week: 19-6
Season: 233-91
Pct.: .719

Chris Hummer
Last week: 19-6
Season: 233-91
Pct.: .719

Oscar LeRoy
Last week: 18-7
Season: 231-93
Pct.: .713

Terry Williamson
Last week: 19-6
Season: 228-96
Pct.: .704

Travis Metcalf
Last week: 16-9
Season: 225-99
Pct.: .694

Guest Picker
Shad Hanna
Greenwood Head Football Coach

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS						
Class 4A Division I, Stephenville vs. Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Stephenville	Big Spring
Class 6A Division I, Odessa Permian at Euless Trinity	Euless Trinity	Euless Trinity	Euless Trinity	Euless Trinity	Euless Trinity	Euless Trinity
Class 6A Division II, San Angelo Central vs. Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll	Southlake Carroll
Class 6A Division II, Abilene High vs. Cedar Hill	Abilene High	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill
Class 5A Division I, El Paso Del Valle vs. Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo	Aledo
Class 5A Division II, Canutillo vs. Azle	Canutillo	Azle	Azle	Azle	Azle	Azle
Class 4A Division I, Abilene Wylie vs. Graham	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Graham	Graham	Graham
Class 4A Division II, Vernon vs. Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Sweetwater
COLLEGE						
TCU at Texas	TCU	Texas	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
West Virginia at Iowa State	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Baylor vs. Texas Tech	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
Kansas at Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State
LSU at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	Texas A&M
Houston at SMU	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
North Texas at UTSA	North Texas	UTSA	North Texas	North Texas	UTSA	North Texas
Rice at Louisiana Tech	Rice	Louisiana Tech	Louisiana Tech	Rice	Louisiana Tech	Louisiana Tech
Auburn at Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Auburn
Mississippi at Mississippi State	Miss. State	Miss. State	Miss. State	Miss. State	Miss. State	Miss. State
PRO						
Philadelphia at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Dallas
Tennessee at Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Chicago at Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Chicago	Detroit	Detroit
Seattle at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco
Miami at N.Y. Jets	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
New England at Green Bay	New England	Green Bay	Green Bay	New England	Green Bay	Green Bay
Denver at Kansas City	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Kansas City	Denver

Last week's guest picker West Texas Drillers Defensive Coordinator Michael Heetland was 14-11. This year's guest pickers are 223-126 (.639)

TCU

From 1C

"We're an intense team, but we don't get stressed out from other stuff like that," Hunt said.

It's what coach Gary Patterson noticed early in the year about this team. He has talked since August about the maturity of the players, and he has seen it in games like the come-back at West Virginia, the workmanlike blowout of Kansas State and the deter-mined rally in the freezing cold at Kansas.

Except he wouldn't have thought to call it "chill."

"Probably wouldn't come out of my mouth," he said.

But after Tuesday, the veteran coach probably has a good idea of what it means and was pleased with the definition. It's pretty much what he's been trying to do himself since the Kansas State victory relax, do what's required to win and let the season play out without worrying about how the playoff selection committee sees things.

"As a head coach, you've got to fight for your team and you've got to fight for your university, period," Patterson said. "But just like you do at home, you've got to know which battle to fight because you can fight a battle and lose a war.

"To me, sometimes, it's best not to say things. I don't think we have anything to talk about un-less we can win the next two ballgames. Everybody across America wanted me to talk after the Kansas State game, and I knew it didn't make any difference, you still had three games to go, and I thought every week was going to be like a month. And pretty much, that has held true."

The fifth-ranked Frogs will be up for judgment again Thursday night. They are trying to move past at least one of the top four teams and also hold off Ohio State and Baylor.

They have their "chill" attitude to fall back on, not to mention an offense that has provided the dimen-sion they were missing their first two seasons in the Big 12. Really, it's the source of their "chill."

"I feel like it's more a swagger that the whole team has," Hunt said. "Last year, the offense didn't quite have it as much, but now I feel like the whole team has a swagger and confidence where it's like the stress thing — you don't really have to worry about that, things will take care of themselves, and we're confident that if we just play football and win, we'll be all right."

Patterson will be happy to win by one point, but he acknowledges the big picture.

"If we want to be able to do the things we need to do, then we have to be con-vincing about it, I think," he said. "You're play-ing against a pretty good football team that got after Oklahoma State the week before. To me, you've just got to finish out."

But by consistently talk-ing away the requirement to win by more than one point, Patterson has prob-ably helped his team relax.

The Frogs have been able to focus on just win-ning more than winning big. They have looked like a loose bunch all year.

"A lot of people are making this bigger than all the other weeks because they're Texas and we're TCU," Carter said. "But we just have to go out there and win. Because those guys are good, also."

Patterson actually looks "chill" to the players, and he gives them a "chill" message about the CFP.

Said Carter: "He's energetic at practice, but he also says, 'Just play. Go out there and do what you do.' Those guys on Tuesday nights are going to do what they want to do. That's not your job.' That's off the field. During practice, he's not chill."

The Frogs have gotten the message all year. Pat-terson has kept it simple: get ready to play, win the games, let the playoffs shake themselves out.

"Like I told my team, 'Let's take care of what we can take care of and let somebody else make that decision. Let's not make that decision for them,'" he said. "Win the next two, go to 11-1, and then they've got to make the decision.

"We're trying to play well enough to where we can win by one point and get to where we need to go."

Sounds cool.

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EVERETT

From 1C

No. 1 Alabama two years ago this month.

"He'll always be remembered for that interception," A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said.

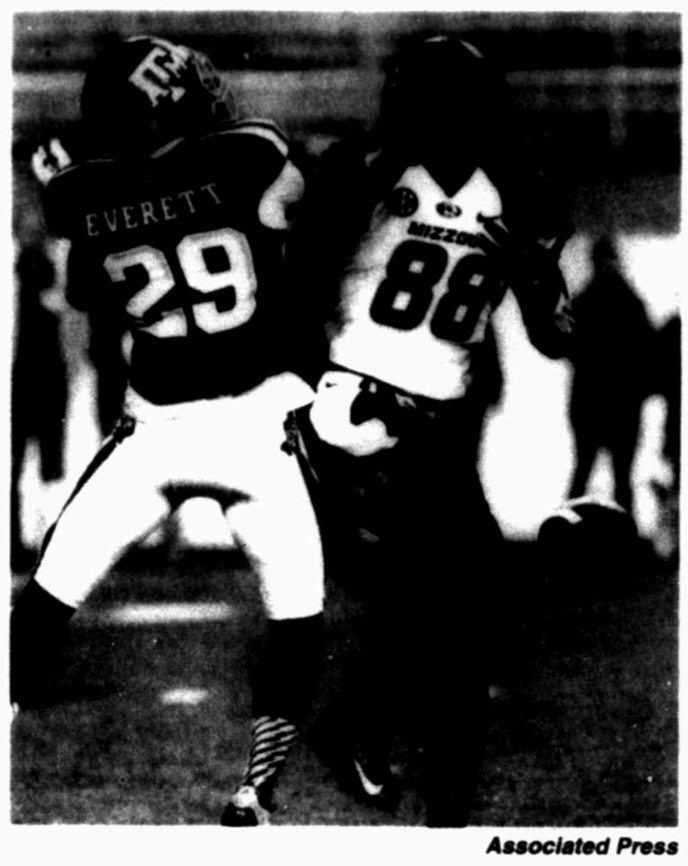
Everett, then a feisty sophomore, jumped a route and intercepted Crimson Tide quarterback AJ McCarron on the A&M goal line with 1:36 remaining, preserving a 29-24 A&M victory. Everett fell down around the 5-yard line and the Aggies' celebration was on.

"I give him a hard time, saying a real player would've stayed inbounds and went 100 yards," Sumlin said, grinning.

In truth, the Aggies' third-year boss is grateful to Everett for that play then - and his now setting an example for younger teammates by fighting through an elbow injury to stay on the field for the Aggies late in his senior season.

"For him to continue playing with that brace and do the things he's done, I've just got a tremendous amount of respect for him," Sumlin said.

Everett, who's 6 foot and 193 pounds and an NFL draft prospect, sprained his elbow on Nov. 1 in the Aggies' 21-16 victory over Louisiana-Monroe. The next week he donned a brace and was instrumental in the Aggies' 41-38 upset at then-No. 3 Auburn. Afterward, a smiling Everett sported a massive ice pack on his elbow.



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Texas A&M defensive back Deshazor Everett breaks up a pass intended for Missouri wide receiver Jimmie Hunt during the first quarter on Nov. 15 in College Station. Everett was called for a pass interference on the play.

"There are certain situations where it really hurts, but I just try and stay focused on the game, and not let it bother me," Everett explained later.

The Aggies and LSU are each 7-4 overall and 3-4 in SEC action, so Everett's senior year hasn't gone quite as he'd hoped - just like it hasn't for the most prominent program back in his home state of Louisiana. A&M's maligned defense has been on its heels for much of the season, but Everett knows the Aggies still have a chance to wrap up a decent season with a win against LSU and in a bowl game.

And about that showdown with LSU, and speaking of pain for the "fireball" Aggie: Everett grew up in DeRidder, La., an hour north of Lake Charles and not terribly far from the Texas border. LSU has won both meetings with A&M as SEC members, including 34-10 last year in Baton Rouge.

Everett said he hears back home, "Y'all didn't beat those Tigers again."

"It's just something they throw in our faces here and there," he added, smiling, in speaking for his Louisiana brethren on the A&M roster.

Eight Aggies hail from Louisiana, second only to Texas on the A&M roster, including defensive end Julien Obioha and receiver Speedy Noil (both from New Orleans), defensive tackle Ivan Robinson (Longville) and linebacker Shaan Washington (Alexandria), all starters.

"I want to go home with bragging rights," Everett said of his final chance against the Tigers. "I didn't grow up watching too much football, but I did hear about LSU. It would be nice to get a win."

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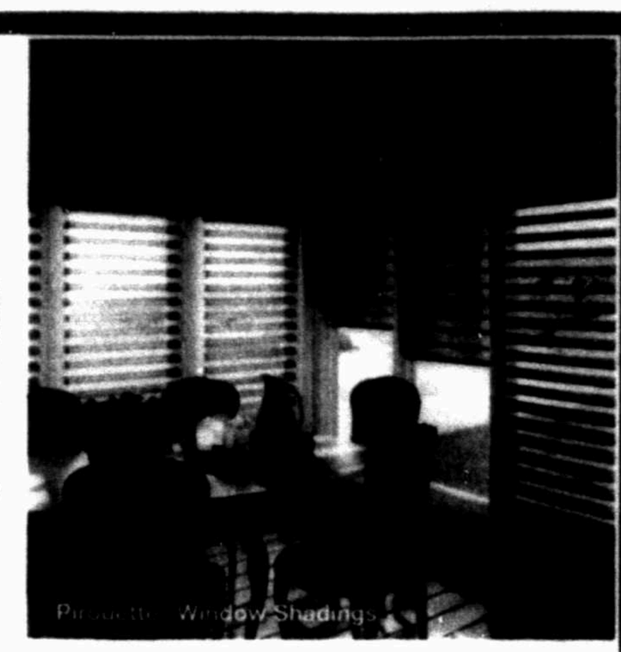

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TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Today

No. 7 Oklahoma at Texas, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

No. 2 Alabama vs. Auburn, 6:45 p.m.

No. 17 Arizona vs. No. 14 Arizona State, 8:30 p.m.

No. 19 Missouri vs. Arkansas, 7:30 p.m.

No. 24 Marshall vs. Western Kentucky, 11 a.m.

No. 25 Colorado State at No. 4 Boise, 2:30 p.m.

Saturday

No. 1 Florida State vs. Florida, 2:30 p.m.

No. 3 Alabama vs. No. 15 Auburn, 6:45 p.m.

No. 5 Oregon at Oregon State, 7 p.m.

No. 6 Mississippi State at No. 16 Mississippi, 3:30 p.m.

No. 8 Baylor vs. Texas Tech at Arlington, Texas, 6:30 p.m.

No. 9 Ohio State vs. Michigan, 11 a.m.

No. 10 Georgia vs. No. 16 Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.

No. 12 Michigan State at Penn State, 2:30 p.m.

No. 13 Kansas State vs. Kansas, 3 p.m.

No. 14 Wisconsin vs. No. 22 Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.

No. 23 Clemson vs. South Carolina, 11 a.m.

No. 24 Louisville vs. Kentucky, 11 a.m.

No. 25 Boise State vs. Utah State, 9:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEXAS BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Baylor	7	1	322	196	9	1	500	271
TCU	6	2	325	215	8	2	454	231
Kansas St	5	2	225	146	8	2	352	231
Oklahoma	5	2	298	226	8	2	432	264
Texas	5	2	199	169	8	2	367	231
West Virginia	4	4	244	225	6	4	361	296
Oklahoma St	3	4	177	276	6	4	291	349
Texas Tech	1	6	222	316	4	5	327	447
Kansas	0	8	84	354	1	10	167	540
Iowa St	0	8	169	290	4	6	251	314

Nov. 20

Kansas St. 45, West Virginia 37

Saturday, Nov. 22

Oklahoma 44, Kansas 7

Texas Tech 34, Iowa St. 31

Baylor 49, Oklahoma St. 28

Today's Game

TCU at Texas, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

West Virginia at Iowa St., 11 a.m.

Baylor vs. Texas Tech at AT&T Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Kansas at Kansas St., 3 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
East	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Missouri	6	2	239	194	8	3	322	222
Georgia	5	2	151	105	8	2	478	224
Florida	4	3	197	164	7	4	316	259
South Carolina	4	3	179	234	6	4	283	339
Tennessee	2	5	186	200	3	6	307	371
Kentucky	1	6	183	253	4	7	316	387
Vanderbilt	0	7	85	242	1	9	144	374
West								
Alabama	6	1	231	117	9	1	385	164
Mississippi St	6	1	253	149	8	2	429	203
Auburn	4	3	211	207	7	3	386	258
Mississippi	4	3	177	118	7	3	334	149
LSU	3	4	167	143	7	4	308	198
Texas A&M	**3**	**4**	**206**	**270**	**7**	**4**	**396**	**305**
Arkansas	1	6	154	216	4	6	170	222

Nov. 22

Florida 52, E. Kentucky 7

Georgia 55, Charleston Southern 7

South Carolina 31, South Alabama 13

Arkansas 30, Mississippi 7

Alabama 48, W. Carolina 14

Auburn 31, Samford 7

Missouri 29, Tennessee 27

Mississippi St. 31, Vanderbilt 7

Today's Game

LSU at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Arkansas at Missouri, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

South Carolina at Clemson, 11 a.m.

Kentucky at Louisville, 11 a.m.

Georgia Tech at Georgia, 11 a.m.

Florida at Florida St., 2:30 p.m.

Mississippi St. at Mississippi, 3:30 p.m.

Tennessee at Vanderbilt, 3 p.m.

Auburn at Alabama, 6:45 p.m.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Memphis	5	1	238	72	9	1	375	196
Cincinnati	4	1	222	121	7	1	373	284
UCF	4	1	184	99	7	1	290	185
East Carolina	4	2	194	142	7	3	367	244
Houston	**4**	**2**	**180**	**113**	**6**	**4**	**286**	**187**
Temple	3	3	128	125	5	5	261	193
South Florida	3	4	126	177	4	7	206	308
Tulane	2	5	114	195	3	8	189	331
Tulsa	2	5	185	241	2	9	264	422
UConn	1	5	85	166	2	8	156	296
SMU	0	6	85	239	0	10	97	441

Nov. 22

UCF 53, SMU 7

Houston 38, Tulsa 28

East Carolina 34, Tulane 7

Memphis 31, South Florida 25

Cincinnati 41, UConn 7

Friday's Games

UCF at South Florida, 7 p.m.

Houston at SMU, 11 a.m.

East Carolina at Tulsa, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati at Temple, 11 a.m.

UConn at Memphis, 3 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA

	Conference				All Games			
East Division	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Marshall	7	0	312	116	11	0	494	181
Middle Tenn.	5	2	249	249	6	5	358	354
W. Kentucky	3	4	280	281	6	5	461	405
Old Dominion	3	4	241	309	5	6	361	428
LAB	3	4	213	219	5	6	353	335
FIU	1	6	202	205	4	8	276	298
FAU	1	6	164	245	3	8	286	380
West Division								
Rice	5	2	217	167	7	4	313	288
UTEP	4	3	189	187	6	5	318	323
North Texas	2	5	148	228	4	7	299	324
UTSA	2	5	99	187	3	8	171	284
Southern Miss	1	6	145	239	3	8	204	368

Nov. 21

Rice 55, UTEP 7

Nov. 22

Marshall 23, LAB 18

W. Kentucky 45, UTSA 7

Old Dominion 30, Louisiana Tech 27

North Texas 17, FIU 14

Middle Tennessee 35, FAU 34

Friday's Games

W. Kentucky at Marshall, 11 a.m.

Saturday's Games

Old Dominion at FAU, 11 a.m.

North Texas at UTSA, 11 a.m.

Rice at Louisiana Tech, 11 a.m.

LAB at Southern Miss, 2:30 p.m.

Middle Tennessee at UTEP, 4 p.m.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
SE Louisiana	7	1	378	133	9	3	506	209
Sam Houston	**7**	**1**	**341**	**162**	**8**	**4**	**448**	**341**
S.F. Austin	**6**	**3**	**286**	**235**	**8**	**4**	**415**	**327**
Lamar	**5**	**3**	**302**	**247**	**8**	**4**	**475**	**357**
Cent. Arkansas	5	3	363	264	6	6	488	406
McNeese	4	4	223	196	6	6	356	250
Abilene Christn	**4**	**4**	**241**	**211**	**6**	**6**	**392**	**325**
Northwestern St	4	4	271	220	6	6	385	378
Incarnate Word	**2**	**7**	**151**	**311**	**2**	**9**	**164**	**418**
Houston Baptist	**1**	**7**	**101**	**464**	**2**	**9**	**210**	**524**
Nicholls St.	1	8	127	381	2	10	163	602

Nov. 20

SE Louisiana 62, Nicholls St. 14

Nov. 22

Sam Houston St. 38, Cent. Arkansas 31

Lamar 27, McNeese St. 24

Stephen F. Austin 27, Northwestern St. 24

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
East	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alcorn St	2	4	187	187	3	9	534	230
Alabama St	5	4	278	197	7	5	355	296
Jackson St	3	6	222	279	5	7	310	331
Alabama A&M	3	6	257	287	3	9	301	405
MVSU	1	8	163	342	2	9	195	411
West								
Grambling	1	7	291	210	1	4	341	335
Prairie View	**5**	**4**	**350**	**305**	**5**	**5**	**366**	**353**
Texas Southern	**3**	**6**	**204**	**270**	**5**	**6**	**286**	**300**
Ark.-Pine Bluff	3	6	223	366	4	7	254	431

Nov. 22

Alabama St. 30, Stillman 27

Jackson St. 34, Alcorn St. 31

Ark.-Pine Bluff 20, Alabama A&M 19

Saturday's Game

Grambling St. vs. Southern U. at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
East	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ga. Southn.	7	0	284	138	8	3	447	265
La.-Lafayette	6	1	236	168	7	4	325	312
Appalachian St.	5	2	235	172	6	5	383	300
South Alabama	5	3	187	183	6	5	225	268
Arkansas St.	4	3	268	199	6	5	365	298
Texas St.	**4**	**3**	**194**	**190**	**6**	**5**	**352**	**301**
La.-Monroe	3	4	178	183	4	7	225	293
Troy	3	4	177	206	3	8	239	392
New Mexico St	1	6	165	248	2	9	259	401
Idaho	1	6	169	249	1	9	247	365
Georgia St.	0	7	151	308	1	10	241	466

Nov. 20

Texas St 45, Arkansas St 27

Nov. 22

South Carolina 31, South Alabama 13

Appalachian St. 35, Louisiana-Lafayette 16

Clemson 28, Georgia St. 0

Louisiana-Monroe 30, New Mexico St. 17

Friday's Games

Navy at South Alabama, 2 p.m.

Saturday's Games

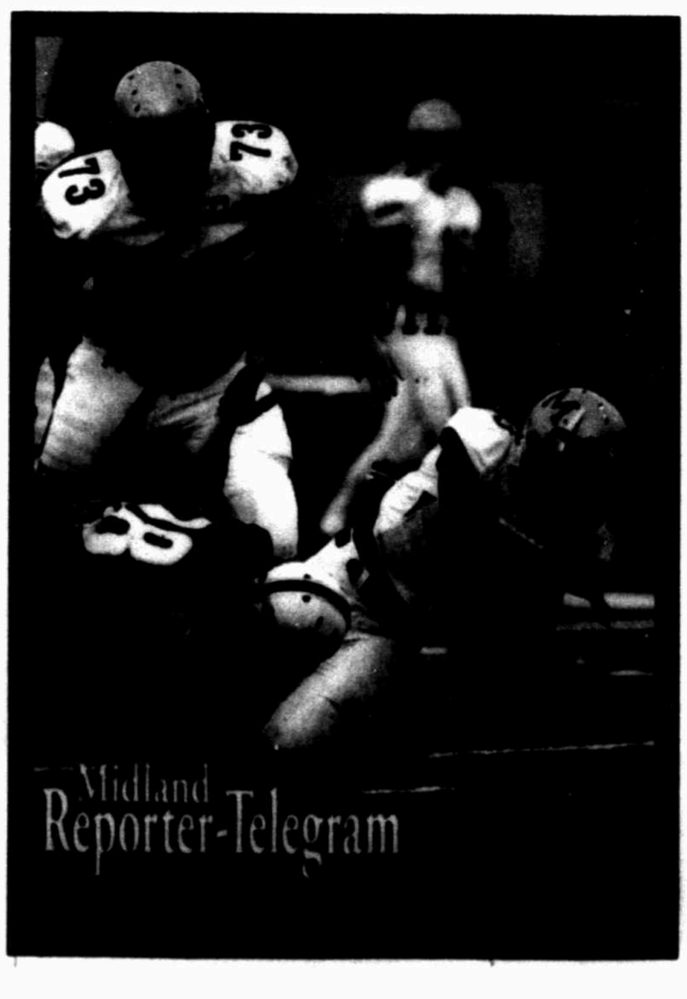
Louisiana-Lafayette at Troy, 11:30 a.m.

Texas St at Georgia St, 1 p.m.

Idaho at Appalachian St, 1 p.m.

New Mexico St at Arkansas St, 2 p.m.

Louisiana-Monroe at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.



NFL CAPSULES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SEATTLE (7-4) at SAN FRANCISCO (7-4)
Today, 7:30 p.m., NBC

OPENING LINE — San Francisco by 1

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Seattle 5-6-0, San Francisco 4-6-1

SERIES RECORD — Seahawks lead 16-15

LAST MEETING — Seahawks beat 49ers 23-17, Jan. 19, 2014 for NFC championship

LAST WEEK — Seahawks beat Cardinals 19-3; 49ers beat Redskins 17-13

AP PRO32 RANKING — Seahawks No. 7, 49ers No. 9

SEAHAWKS OFFENSE — OVERALL (7), RUSH (1), PASS (16).

SEAHAWKS DEFENSE — OVERALL (1), RUSH (3), PASS (2).

49ERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (10), RUSH (4), PASS (13).

49ERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (2), RUSH (4), PASS (1).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Teams tied for second place in NFC West. Seattle won division last year after two in a row by San Francisco. ... Rivals face off twice in three weeks. ... 49ers have won last five home games in rivalry dating to 34-13 loss to Seattle at Candlestick Park on Oct. 26, 2008. Captured 19-17 victory last Dec. 8 during which Frank Gore keyed winning drive with late 51-yard run. Seattle's seven-game winning streak ended. ... Before that loss, Seahawks had outscored San Francisco 71-16 in two straight wins. ... Seahawks have won four of last five games overall this year; Niners have won last three games by combined 13 points. ... In last December's matchup, San Francisco didn't target CB Richard Sherman until 9:44 remaining in second quarter and incompletion still drew 5-yard holding penalty and automatic first down. ... Seahawks have rushed for 474 yards in past three games, though Marshawn Lynch limited to 39 yards on 15 carries in win vs. Arizona last week while Wilson had 73. ... 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick has thrown for 2,615 yards to Russell Wilson's 2,230. ... Gore's 1,364 yards rushing against Seattle are his most against any opponent. ... 49ers WR Stevie Johnson had good success vs. Seahawks while with Bills, making eight catches for 115 yards and TD on Dec. 16, 2012. ... LB Aldon Smith sacked Wilson and forced fumble and recovered on first play from scrimmage in NFC championship. Also had a second sack. ... WR Anquan Boldin has 86 career receptions for 1,091 yards and three touchdowns in 14 games against Seattle, including playoffs.

CHICAGO (5-6) at DETROIT (7-4)
Today, 11:30 a.m., CBS

OPENING LINE — Lions by 7

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Chicago 5-6, Detroit 5-6

SERIES RECORD — Bears lead 96-67-5

LAST MEETING — Lions beat Bears 21-19, Nov. 10, 2013

LAST WEEK — Bears beat Buccaneers 21-13; Lions lost to Patriots 34-9

AP PRO32 RANKING — Bears No. 20, Lions No. 14

BEARS OFFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (20), PASS (14).

BEARS DEFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (12), PASS (28).

LIONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (30), PASS (10).

LIONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (1), PASS (10).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Lions beat Green Bay last season to snap nine-game Thanksgiving losing streak. ... Bears will play on Thanksgiving for first time since 2004, when they lost at Dallas. ... Detroit swept Chicago last year after losing nine of previous 10 in series. ... Bears DE Willie Young had six sacks in four years with Detroit. He now has eight sacks in first season with Chicago. ... Bears DE Jared Allen has 15 1/2 sacks in 13 games against Lions, all when he was with Vikings. ... Chicago has no points in 15 possessions in its two-minute offense. ... Lions WR Calvin Johnson has TD catch in last five Thanksgiving games. ... Detroit LB DeAndre Levy has seven INTs since 2013, most by LB in NFL. ... Detroit DT Ndamukong Suh trying for fifth straight game against Bears with sack. ... Lions have allowed 190 points, fewest in league. ... Detroit averaging 4.28 yards per play on first down, worst mark in NFL. ... Lions have made NFL-worst 57 percent of their FGs.

NFL STANDINGS

STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	357	227
Miami	6	5	0	.545	285	219
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	238	207
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	177	303
South						
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	333	256
Houston	5	6	0	.455	242	226
Tennessee	2	9	0	.182	192	293
Jacksonville	1	10	0	.091	161	305
North						
Cincinnati	7	3	1	.682	246	234
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	295	208
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288	263
Cleveland	7	4	0	.636	242	219
West						
Denver	8	3	0	.727	332	260
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	261	195
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	245	216
Oakland	1	10	0	.091	176	285

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	3	0	.727	342	275
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	292	240
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	233	294
Washington	3	8	0	.273	217	273
South						
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	262	281
New Orleans	4	7	0	.364	288	286
Carolina	3	7	1	.318	215	300
Tampa Bay	2	9	0	.182	207	300
North						
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	354	246
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	197	190
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	236	303
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	202	244
West						
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	240	195
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	279	218
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636	228	225
St. Louis	4	7	0	.364	209	285

Monday's Scores

Buffalo 38, N.Y. Jets 3
Baltimore 34, New Orleans 27

Today's Games

Chicago at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tennessee at Houston, noon
Oakland at St. Louis, noon
Carolina at Minnesota, noon
Washington at Indianapolis, noon
Cleveland at Buffalo, noon
San Diego at Baltimore, noon
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville, noon
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, noon
New Orleans at Pittsburgh, noon
Arizona at Atlanta, 3:05 p.m.
New England at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

MURRAY

From 1C

to 859 yards, fourth in the league, after a slow start.

Now Murray begins his march up the Cowboys' single-season chart.

All-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith holds six of the top eight seasons in Dallas history, and Murray has a shot at three of them this week. Once he gets there, he'll be on the verge of the top five, where Tony Dorsett and Herschel Walker reside alongside Smith.

Murray needs to average 84 yards per game to break Smith's franchise mark of 1,773 set in 1995, the last time the Cowboys won the Super Bowl. And he knows what he's facing.

"Obviously they're stacking the box and things of that nature, but that's not an excuse," said Murray, who leads the league with 268 carries and is on pace for just shy of 400. "We've got to continue to run and make it happen."

The Cowboys did it at Super Bowl champion Seattle when Murray had 46 yards at halftime before getting 46 on three straight carries to finish the drive to a go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Murray had 49 yards in the first half of Sunday's 31-28 win at the New York Giants before finishing with 121. The only running play on the late winning drive was a 9-yarder by Murray on third-and-1 at the Cowboys 29. For the second time this season, he was the only Dallas running back to get a carry.

"He had a couple of explosive runs for us, but for the most part it was a grinder," coach Jason Garrett said. "When you're evaluating a back, that's when it gets most impressive."

Martin agrees, because the eight-man fronts usually mean there will be one player the linemen simply can't block.

"If there's eight guys in the box, a lot of times, we're, 'Hey, there's going to be a free hat so you're going to have to handle that free hat,'" Martin said. "He's running over them, making them miss. A really complete back."

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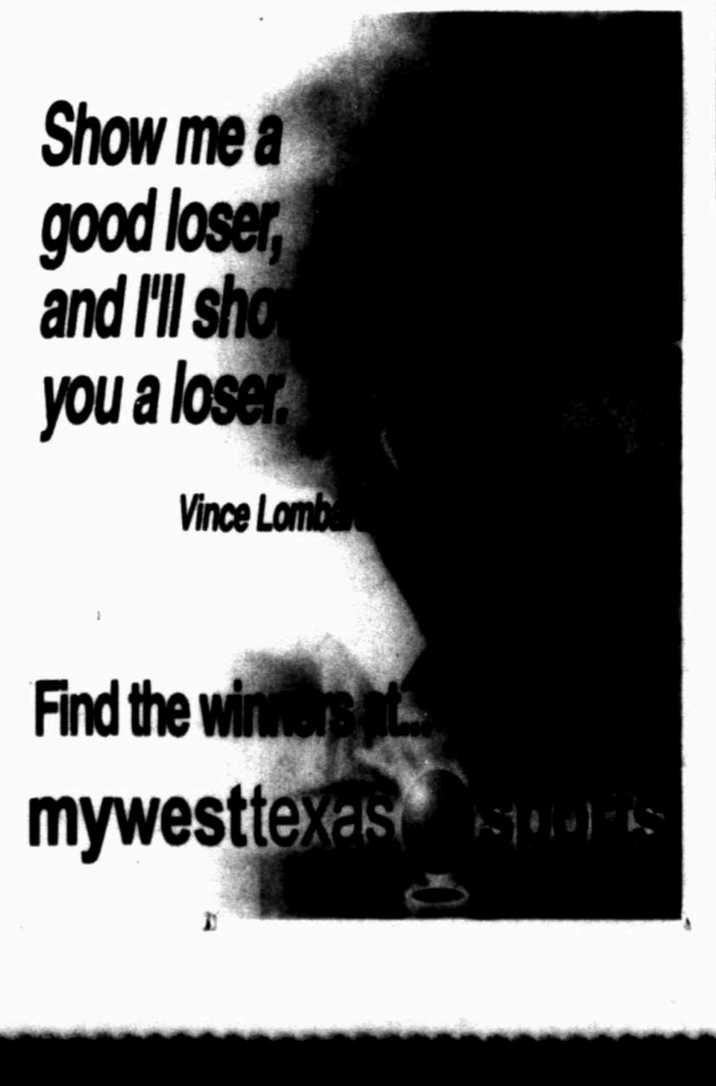

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THURSDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 27, 2014

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					6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	ABC News Special (N)		How to Get Away With Murder "Pilot"		Away With Murder "It's All Her Fault"		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Mom (N)	Two and Half (N)	McCarthys (N)	Elementary "Rip Off" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Cheers	Mason "The Case of the Misguided Missile"	Adam 12
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:30) NFL Football Phi./Dal. (L)		Fox's Cause for Paws foster a new dog. (N)		Viewers get to adopt or		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/Manuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		NFL Pre Game (L)	NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers Site: Stadium – Santa Clara, Calif. (L)					Levi's	(:35) NewsWest	(:05) Jimmy Fallon
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Daytripper	Roadtrip Nation	Ultimate Restorations		Courage/ Bering Sea		Charlie Rose (N)	Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Gata		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		La Malquerida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Podia Amar
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	The Mentalist		The Mentalist		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Access H.	Insider
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:25) The Importa...		★★★ Election				(:45) ★★★ Bushmore Jason Schwartzman.		★★ Snake Eyes Nicolas Cage.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(4:00) Concert Valor		★★ The LEGO Movie Chris Pratt.				The Newsroom		Foo Fighters		Real Sex	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:15) ★★ R.I.P.D.		★★ We're the Millers Jason Sudeikis.				★ Riddick ('13, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban, Vin Diesel.				Comeback	★ Red 2
HBO3	304	70	16	102		Comeback	Comeback	Comeback	(:45) GetOn	(:15) Get On	(:45) GetOn	Making	★★ The Last Patrol			The Newsroom	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) The Hango...		★★★ Wedding Crashers Owen Wilson.				Walk of Shame			Topless	Topless	Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) Epic ('13, Act) Colin Farrell.				★ A Good Day to Die Hard			Femme	(:15) The Counselor Cameron Diaz.			
PLEX			96			(5:20) The Trail of ...		★★ Merlin's Apprentice 1/2				(:35) ★★ Merlin's Apprentice		(:10) The Shortcut Dave Franco.		Movie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★★ Sinister ('12, Hor) Ethan Hawke.				The Affair			Homeland	SEX With	The Affair		SEX With
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(4:45) Silver Lining...		★★ Sahara Matthew McConaughey.				(:05) ★★ Lawless ('12, Cri) Tom Hardy.				The Cold Light ...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. "Plan Bee"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty by Mia"	Duck Dynasty "Stand	Duck Dynasty	Country Buck$	C. Buck$ "Zipline"	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ Jurassic Park Sam Neill.						★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.				★ Jurassic Park III	
BET	58	26		40		Movie		★★ The Preacher's Wife				★★ Little Richard ('00, Bio) Garrett Morris, Carl Lumbly, Leon.				Nellyville	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Million	Millionaire			Millionaire		Millionaire		Housewives Atlanta	★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 ...		
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	A. Bourdain "Quebec"		Anthony "Thailand"		Anthony "Shanghai"		Anthony "Tangier"		Anthony "Jerusalem"		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Liv/Mad	Austin	Dog Blog	Girl	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsC.	NCAA Football Louisiana State University vs. Texas A&M (L)						SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) NCAA Basketball				NCAA Basketball Orlando Tournament Marquette/Ga.T. (L)				NCAA Basketb. Wooden Legacy S.J./Wash. (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) ★★ Cars 2		Toy Story		★★★ Ratatouille ('07, Fam) Brad Garrett.				The 700 Club		★ A Cinderella Sto...	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Food Truck (N)		Chopped		Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Diners..	Diners..	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	TexansH-uddle (N)	SportsDay OnAir (N)	The Story of Scot Football		UTSA Ftball (N)	C-USA Show (N)	Instant Replay	Insider (N)	Cowboys Game (L)	Outdoor SW (N)	Dodgeball Ultimate	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Madagascar...				★★★ Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa				★ Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted		★ How to Train Y...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Christmas ...		★ Northpole ('14, Dra) Tiffani Thiessen.						★ Royal Christmas ('14, Dra) Lacey Chabert.		★ A Princess for C...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.		(:05) Lost Giants		Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(4:00) ★★★ The Notebook		★★★ The Holiday Cameron Diaz. Two women with romance issues swap homes and fall for men in their new neighbourhoods.						The Sisterhood		★★★ The Holiday	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				(5:30) Mecum Auctions "Monterey"				Mecum (N)		Mecum Auctions "Monterey"				Mecum "Monterey"	
NICK	55	34	39	36	37	★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire ('93, Com) Robin Williams.						Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ Stargate Kurt Russell.				★★★ Poseidon ('06, Dra) Kurt Russell.				Almighty (N)		★★★ Poseidon	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld "The Pick"	Seinf. "The Strike"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan A special scraps show		Childrens Hospital	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:30) ★ Chitty Chit		★★★ The Trouble With Angels				★★★ Bright Eyes				★ The Courtship of Eddie's ...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		★ Avatar ('09, Act) Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington.						Al rojo	(:35) Tinular	Decisiones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Undercover Boss "Boston Market"		Undercover Boss "Donatos" (N)		Under Boss "Hudson News Group" (N)		Undercover Boss "Utah Jazz" (N)		Undercover Boss "Subway"		Undercover Boss "Fatburger"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Transporter "The General's Daughter"		Transporter: The Series "City of Love"		Transporter "Give the Guy a Hand"		Transporter "Cherchez La Femme"		(:05) On the Menu "Outback Steakhouse"		(:05) CSI: NY "On the Job"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Cosby	(:40) Cosby	(:20) The Cosby Show		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos	

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television, but there's nothing better than playoff football in Texas.

Big Spring is taking on Stephenville in Abilene on Friday. If the last meeting between these two teams is any indication, then get out your calculators, it could be fun.

Locally, Aledo, the top ranked Class 5A team in the state at the end of the regular season, will be in town on Friday to play El Paso Del Valle in a Division I regional round matchup. Aledo is a perennial state power, but Conquistadores quarterback Steven Montez, a Colorado commitment, is another in a line of El Paso signal callers that have played well at Grande this season.

College Game of the Day: UCLA-Stanford. The Bruins are playing to keep their slim College Football Playoff hopes alive, and hey, it's the Pac 12, so you know it's going to be wild.

New Rivalry Games: Nebraska-Iowa and Arkansas-Missouri. These two games don't have the history of some other rivalries but they are starting to become something that both sides are taking seriously. Nebraska and Iowa have been talking trash at each other for years when they were in different conferences and now they are just doing it on the field.

Saturday

College Game of the Weekend: Auburn-Alabama. The Iron Bowl is big again, and it's almost a de-facto national quarterfinal, even though Auburn has struggled late this season. But still, expect this game to be tough, tight and fun. And let's hope no trees are poisoned.

The Season Could Be Ruined games: Florida State-Florida and Mississippi-Mississippi State. These two games have major playoff implications for Florida State and Mississippi State, but their rivals would like nothing better than to see them suffer a loss. Florida is playing for outgoing coach Will Muschamp, while Mississippi is trying to prove it's win against Alabama wasn't just a fluke.

If You Have to Watch Games: Ohio State-Michigan and Notre Dame-Southern Cal. Ohio State is really the only team playing for anything, while the other three are playing for pride. But these traditional powers always seem to get people watching them.

Sleeper of the Week: Oregon-Oregon State. This is a nasty rivalry that nobody really talks about outside of the Northwest. But strange things can happen in Corvallis, Ore.

Sunday

And finally, Sunday is almost a let down compared to what we will see Saturday. But there are some games to pay attention to as you get ready to head back to work Monday.

The New England-Green Bay game will be great to watch with two of the league's best quarterbacks, and Denver-Kansas City is a game that has major division and playoff implications for both teams.

So there you have it. Have fun watching football this weekend, and remember to be thankful for all the things you have, and have fun watching football no matter what games you watch.

Houston's Fitzpatrick to start for injured Mallett

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans placed quarterback Ryan Mallett on injured reserve on Wednesday, meaning Ryan Fitzpatrick will start on Sunday against the Tennessee Titans.

Coach Bill O'Brien wouldn't say what Mallett's injury was on Monday, but the Texans placed him on season-ending IR on Wednesday.

Fitzpatrick started the first nine games before being benched during the bye week in favor of Mallett. Mallett went 1-1 as the starter.

Fitzpatrick is a 10-year NFL veteran, who has thrown for 1,960 yards with 11 touchdowns and eight interceptions this season.

Also on Wednesday, the Texans signed free agent quarterback Thad Lewis, who was released by the Bills in training camp. Tom Savage, a fourth-round pick, is Houston's other quarterback.

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Yesterday's Answer: UNPAID, HAIRDO, ATOMIC

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TODAY: Sunny — High: 62 Low: 39
FRIDAY: Sunny — High: 73 Low: 44
SATURDAY: Sunny — High: 73 Low: 43
SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 76 Low: 38
MONDAY: Sunny — High: 65 Low: 39
TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 63 Low: 46

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 62 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 39 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 73 and southwest winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect clear conditions at night, with a low around 44 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

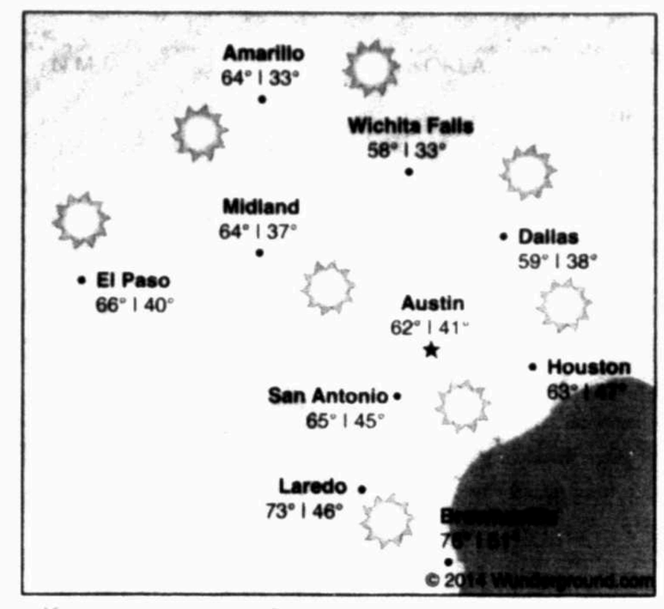
Saturday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, clear skies at night, with a high around 73 and a low around 43.

The high on Wednesday reached 62, while the low dropped to 39. The record high for Nov. 26 is 83 set in 1961, 1990 and 1995. The record low is 13 set in 1993.

Weather brief

A sloppy mix of rain and snow rolled into the Northeast on Wednesday just as millions of Americans began the big Thanksgiving getaway, grounding hundreds of flights and turning highways hazardous along the congested Washington-to-Boston corridor.

By early afternoon, more than 600 flights had been canceled, the bulk of them in the Northeast.



Precipitation

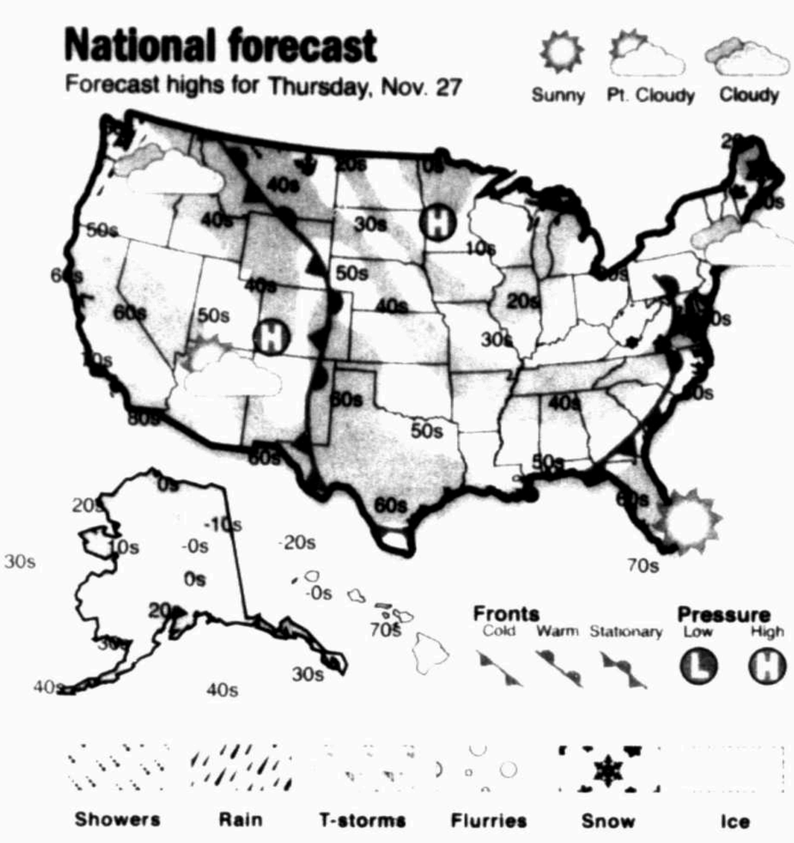
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.02 in.
Year total	7.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.89 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	62
Low	39
Normal high	63
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Nov. 27



Traveler's joy is diminished by sister's endless teasing

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single woman who raised three kids on one average income. They are all grown and on their own now. I still save and have a tight budget, but now I can spend some money on travel. I have opportunities to travel with friends and do it as often as I can afford.

The problem is my brother-in-law and sister love to tease, and they tell everyone that I'm "the rich sister." Abby, I am far from rich. I have asked them both to stop and told them their teasing hurts my feelings — that I simply choose to spend my money differently than they do.

Our relationship has now become very strained. I have only one sister and would like to be close to her, but I can't laugh off their teasing any longer. — HURT TRAVELER

DEAR HURT TRAVELER: When people persist in doing — or saying — something after being told it's hurtful, one has to wonder if it's not about humor at all. I suspect that your sister and her husband are somewhat jealous over the friendships you have and the adventures you are enjoying.

You might be subjected to this less if you become more close-mouthed about what you're doing and where you're going. Give it a try. But if the "teasing" continues, tell "Sissy" she's going to be seeing a lot less of you and then follow through.

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my second husband for almost five years, married for two. After a year, we became more like roommates than spouses. At one point I caught him kissing a mutual friend in our bathroom. When I confronted them, they assured me it was innocent. Her husband has now confirmed his suspicions with me that something was going on, but there was never any solid proof.

My husband enjoys my company, but the lack of affection and my continued suspicion are affecting my self-esteem. The other day I asked him why he married me, and he answered because I was "nice." He refuses to go to counseling and said he doesn't want a divorce.

I feel like an idiot, but I just don't want to leave. What is wrong with me? What should I do? — IN LIMBO IN WASHINGTON

DEAR IN LIMBO: You will find the answers you need as soon as you decide that, regardless of whether your husband is willing to go to counseling, it's time for you to go. Having already caught him in a compromising position, you have every right to be suspicious. There's nothing wrong with you — except perhaps that you are TOO "nice."

You are going to have to decide if living like brother and sister is an arrangement you are willing to live with forever because the relationship you have described isn't a normal marriage, and the longer it continues, the worse you will feel about yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to know why people say, "Oh, you have a new hairdo," and then never say if it is good or bad. Or, "You have new curtains or new flooring," and then never say another word. Why do they just say nothing? — CURIOUS IN COLORADO

DEAR CURIOUS: Perhaps because people often notice change before making up their minds whether they think it's positive or negative, and they are speaking to you without a filter.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Clever defense

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 4
♥ A J 10 9 6
♦ Q 7 5
♣ K 10 5 3

WEST
♠ A J 10 3
♥ K 8 4
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ 8 7

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 7 6 2
♥ Q 7 2
♦ 10 3
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ K 5
♥ 5 3
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A J 9 6 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

♥ Transfer to hearts
♦ Cue bid

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

The club waitress had long since left for the night and the members were "helping themselves." North's decision to make a slam try suggests that he had helped himself to at least one too many.

South won East's queen of clubs with the ace at trick one and finished drawing trumps by cashing the jack.

Next came a low heart toward dummy and West was sick. He knew from the auction that South had a doubleton heart, and he would surely have led the queen if he held it. The defense had a sure heart winner and West deeply regretted not leading his ace of spades. Should East win the queen of hearts and shift to diamonds, rather than spades, the slam might succeed. Looking at the dummy, why should East find the winning spade shift?

West made a clever plan. He rose with his king of hearts. Declarer won with the ace in dummy and continued with the jack. East won with the queen and West carefully followed suit with the eight! East knew that his partner had a choice of spot cards to play and reasoned that the eight was a suit preference signal, asking for the higher ranking of the two remaining suits, excluding the suit led and trumps. East duly shifted to a spade to defeat the contract.

Note that had East led a diamond instead, South would have romped home with 12 tricks. Nice play!

Happy Thanksgiving!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 27, 2014:

This year you opt to walk a more bohemian, or offbeat, path. You also tend to push past mental boundaries that perhaps you never knew existed. If you are single, you might enjoy your "unattached" status, as you could find yourself in a rich period for meeting people. Your circle of friends is likely to expand, and with it the possibility of meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a lot of quiet time together at home in front of the fireplace or out on your front porch. Schedule a long-desired vacation. AQUARIUS can be difficult to relate to.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You can't seem to get enough of the social nature of the day. Whether you are the host or the guest, you are likely to have a great time. You might decide to watch the Thanksgiving parade or reach out to someone at distance. Don't wait! Tonight: Catch up with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your role could be quite important, as you might be enlisted to pitch in and make dinner at the last minute. As a result, don't expect to have much private time to catch up with loved ones and friends. A dear friend is likely to step in and help. Tonight: Finally, some time for yourself!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your mind seems to drift to family or friends at a distance. If you can, take the day off to visit with them. People could have an unpredictable quality to them today. You could be surprised by what goes on. Tonight: Get into the warm, friendly nature of the day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might choose to make this a low-key Thanksgiving, where you prepare dinner for just you and your immediate circle of friends. You will enjoy the process as much as the turkey. Make an important call to a relative who might be alone today. Tonight: Enjoy some free time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could have more invitations coming your way than you know what to do with. Try not to hurt anyone's feelings while making the social rounds. Consider bringing a thank-you gift as you go from one get-together to the next. Tonight: Touch base with someone at a distance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could be quite busy, whether you have to do some work or handle a domestic responsibility. A loved one would be only too happy to pitch in, so let him or her take the reins. Otherwise, you might feel overburdened on some level. Tonight: Take care of loose ends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your natural self-expression sometimes can be flirtatious. Be careful, as someone who doesn't know you well might misread you. On the other hand, a loved one might decide that he or she has had enough, and could demand all of your attention. Tonight: Make amends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21 ★★★★ You might decide to stay close to home. You enjoy visiting with others and catching up, but a relaxed pace of staying put might be more appealing right now. Maintain a sense of humor as everything falls into place. Tonight: Know that you can finally veg a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ The doorbell might be ringing all day long, as family members seek you out. You have a choice to make: Stay present with the moment, or respond to these incoming requests. Either way, you will enjoy a lively day of conversation and turkey. Tonight: Visit with those around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could get stuck running some last-minute errands and end up arriving late to Thanksgiving dinner. Many of you who visit with several different families will have a little more flexibility than others. Tonight: Try not to overindulge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You'll smile, and others can't help but be pulled in. You might be concerned about helping others feel at home. Others could seek you out, but you'll have your hands full doing everything you need to do while still remaining sociable. Tonight: Let the party begin!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Tension seems to build around a matter that you might not be able to discuss right now. You could feel quite frustrated as you try to accommodate others while holding this information back. You might decide to excuse yourself early from what is going on. Tonight: Not to be found.

BORN TODAY

Musician Jimi Hendrix (1942), U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy (1957), martial artist Bruce Lee (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Beijing trio?
5 Bridges of Hollywood
10 First name at Woodstock
14 Four Corners state
15 Seeker's quarry
16 Send
17 "Four Corners locale
20 They may be required for rides
21 "The way things are ___"
22 Yale Bowl yeller
23 "Arctic wolf prey
27 "Four Quartets" monogram
28 Offspring: abbr.
30 Trendy cuff site
31 Awards for J.K. Rowling & Hugh Laurie
32 "Car named for a California city
37 Hawaiian Airlines destination
39 Election Day sticker
42 Nebula in Taurus, familiarly
44 Prepared for a proposal
45 Spanish she-bear
46 Former upscale Manhattan eatery
48 Memorable period
49 Burst open
50 Kerfuffle
51 Halladay who won both the A.L. and N.L. Cy Young awards
52 "1965 Jane Fonda title role
58 Boris' sidekick
61 "Raging Bull" boxer
65 Marvel Comics assassin
66 Hits hard, as the brakes
67 With 68-Across, "Later," or, phonetically, what the answers to starred clues have
68 See 67-Across

DOWN

1 Like many ventilation systems
2 "Becket" star
3 "Actions speak louder than words"
4 Flat or pump
5 High capital
6 Jar topper
7 Prefix with meter
8 "You betcha!"
9 1964 Tony Randall role
10 Piedmont wine area
11 Bonnie Blue's dad
12 Make contact (with)
13 Musical works
18 GOP org.
19 Sun Devils' sch.
24 Juan Carlos, por ejemplo
25 "___ the Walrus"
26 It may be backless
29 In vogue
31 Wind with keys
33 To be, to Napoleon
34 Lab container
35 Check-in delayer
36 "Concord Sonata" composer
37 'Vette roof option
38 "Now I get it"
40 Finnish architect Saarinen
41 Do-or-die time
43 Words to a black sheep
44 Small hills
47 The Snake R. runs through it
52 Like unnaturally thick makeup
53 Apropos of
54 Drive-___ window
55 Refrain syllables
56 Bridge master Sharif
57 Man, to Dante
58 Zombie Nation console
59 Microbrew choice
60 Ball holder
62 Sch. in Nashville
63 Siew
64 "What else?"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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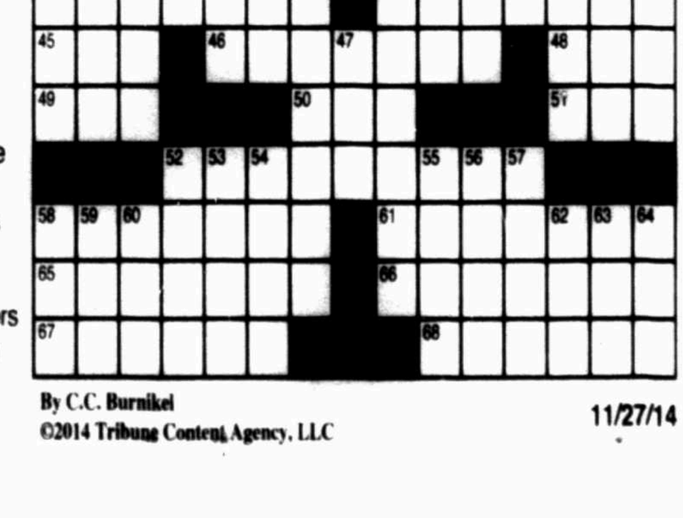

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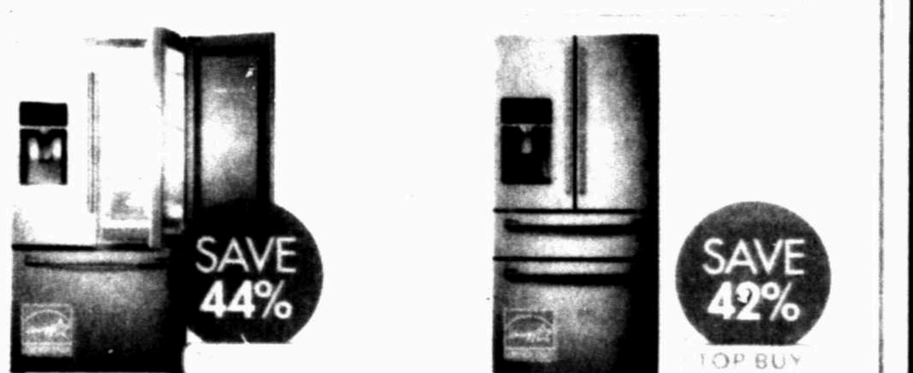

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0293929
Status/Permit No. 709594

DISTRICT 8
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 6, 2014
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 11, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BLUESTEM ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC. [RRC Operator No. 076862] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of of Rule 38, for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 36, T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-492, CEDAR FLATS (MISS.) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Fields, MIDLAND County, being 17.6 miles E direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Dec 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: CEDAR FLATS (MISS.)

Lease/Unit Name	EVANS	
Lease/Unit Well No.	6	
Lease/Unit Acres	320.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	467.0	
Lease Lines :	467.0 F South L.	2309.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	467.0 F South L.	2309.0 F WEST L

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	EVANS	
Lease/Unit Well No. :	6	
Lease/Unit Acres :	320.0	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	467.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1008.0	
Lease Lines :	467.0 F South L,	2309.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines :	467.0 F South L,	2309.0 F WEST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) PAUL PAGE (ATOKA), (2) AZALEA, EAST (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

CEDAR FLATS (MISS.): OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

PAUL PAGE (ATOKA): Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

AZALEA, EAST (STRAWN): Special Rules 467/933, 160.0 acres. Optional Rules 467/933, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jessica Simino, at (832) 616-3733.

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Sealed proposals addressed to Honorable Mayor and City Council will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701 until Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 2:00pm local time for City of Midland Solid Waste Department, New Scale House and Site Improvements.

Construction includes a new scale house with three (3) scales and new maintenance building with supporting facilities. Paving and drainage improvements with Portland cement concrete and HMAC paving. Installation of two (2) groundwater monitoring wells and utilities.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at Midland City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City of Midland for action at a later date.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at Midland City Hall – Basement Conference Room at 2:00pm local time. Attendance by prospective Bidders is mandatory.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423 (Phone 806247322200) and 1700 W. Wall, Suite 100, Midland, Texas, 79701 (Phone 432269721447) as follows:

1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. There is no cost or deposit required for this option.
2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of $200.00.
3. A digital copy (.pdf file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of $20.00 per each CD.

Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued.

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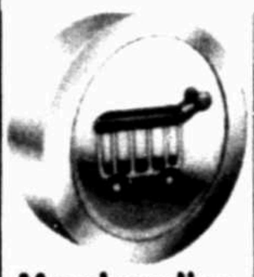

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Crossfire, LLC is currently recruiting for Project Managers in Midland,Texas. These positions will be responsible for project estimation and management. Bachelor's degree in Construction Management or Engineering is preferred. Two years' experience in oilfield estimating and project management is desirable. Candidate must possess strong analytical and organizational skills, including the ability to manage simultaneous projects. Advanced computer and math skills with proficiency in MS Word, MS Excel, MS Project, Outlook and P6 are required. Must have the ability to meet strict deadlines and communicate effectively with a wide range of clients and team members. Travel may be required. Crossfire offers a competitive salary, medical benefits and a 401(k) plan. Successful candidate will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test. Email resume to recruiting@crossfire-llc.com.

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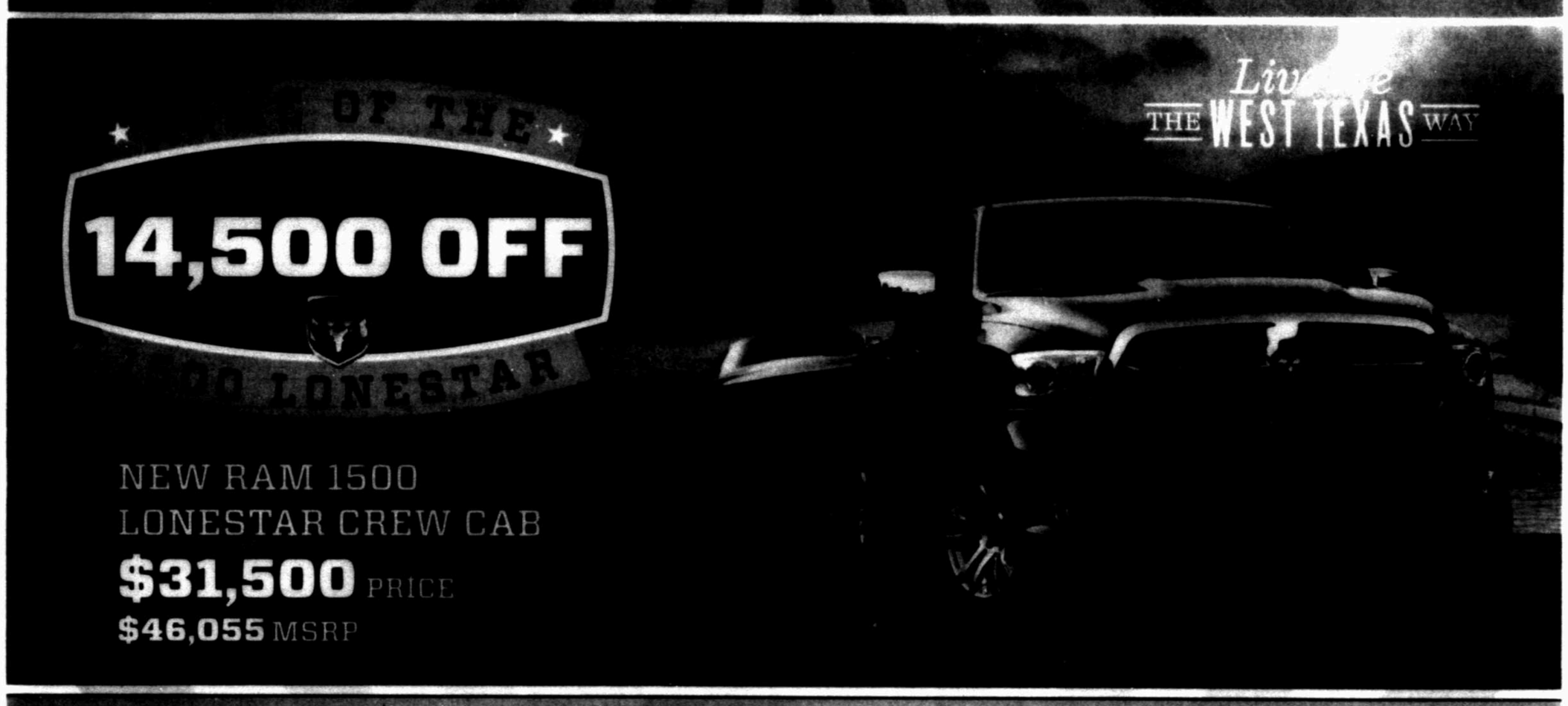

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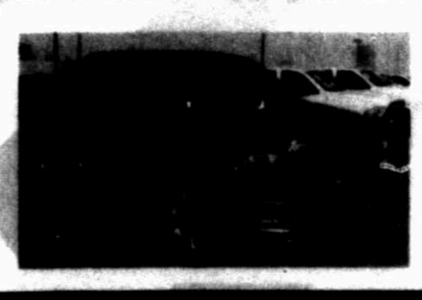

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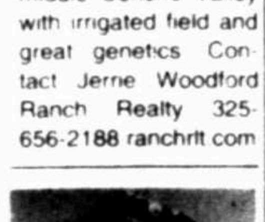

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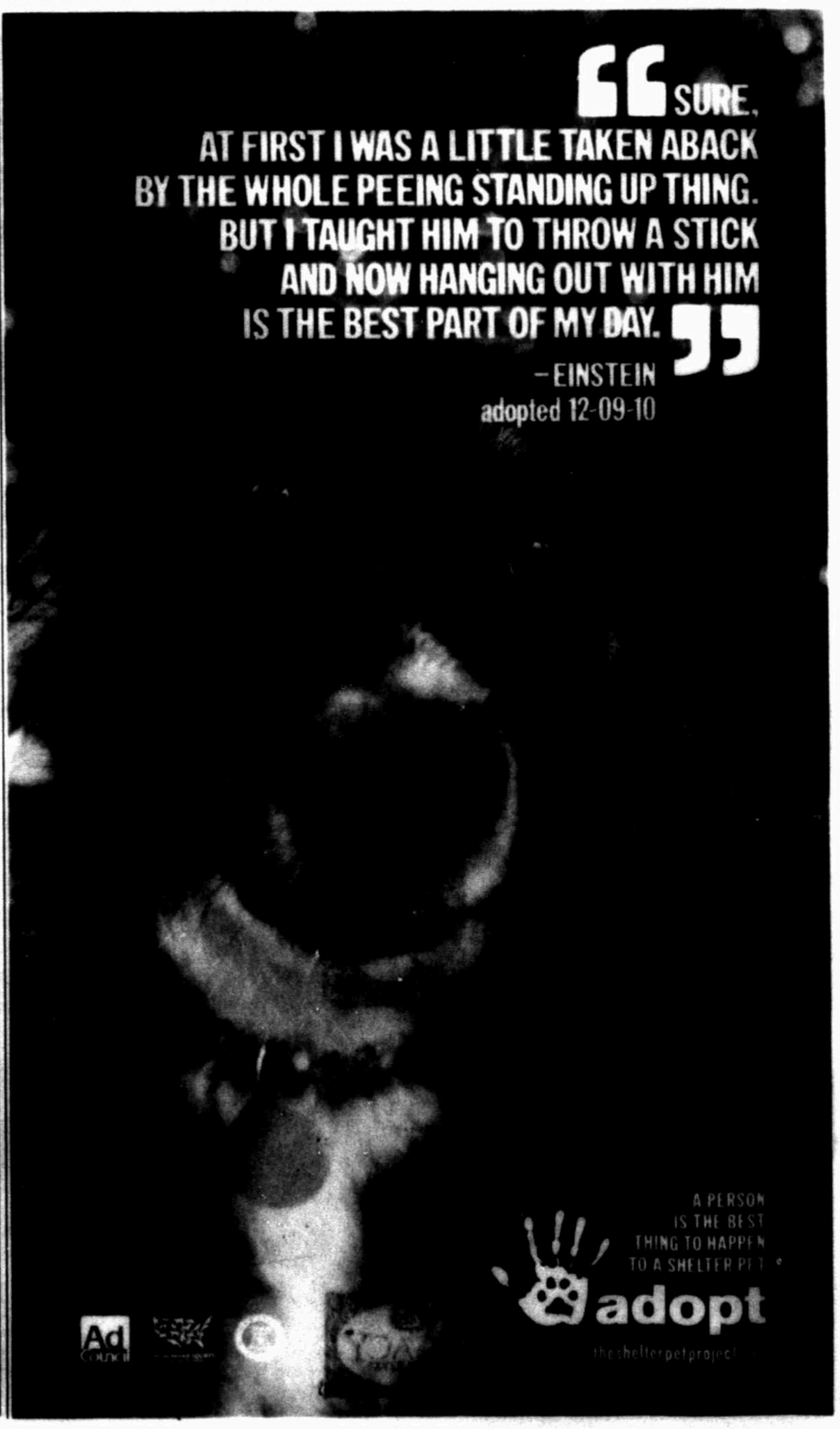


Thanksgiving Prayer

...t, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of ... creation, for the beauty of this world, for the ...der of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The Rev. Dave Huxley, Rector
St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church

Day of Thanksgiving
27 November 2014

For the blessings of the harvest-time, for the reminder of all the gifts of body and soul granted us by You, our loving heavenly Father, we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

For the blessings of family and friends with whom to celebrate God's goodness, and for a nationwide day set aside to truly "taste and see that the Lord is good," we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

For ... to use our material blessings in a right and God-pleasing way, we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

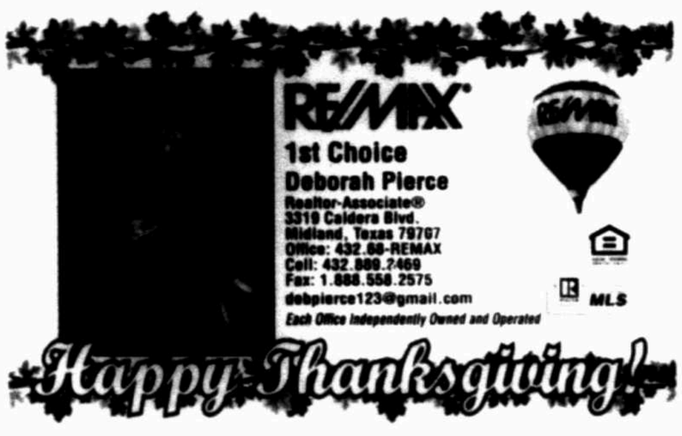
For the lonely, the sorrowful, the grieving and all others who carry burdens of soul, that they would find comfort and strength in the love and promises of God, we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

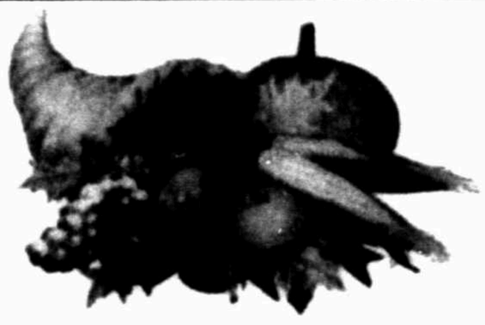
For persecuted believers all around the world, that their faith would not waver even as they make the good confession, and that their tormentors would be convicted of their sin by the believers' conduct and tranquility, we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

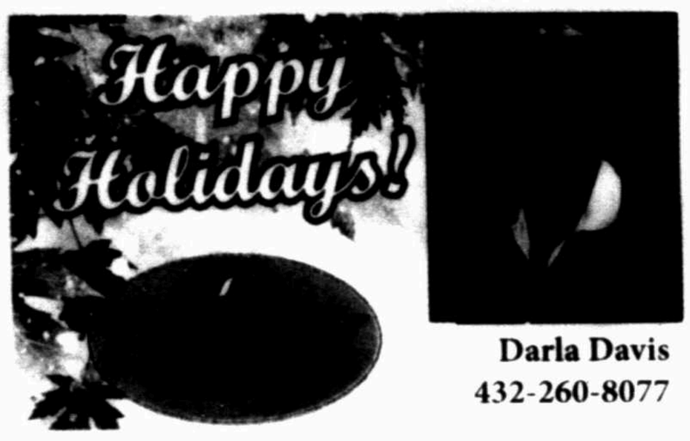
For the work of the Church around the world, that the Lord of the harvest would speedily raise up faithful workers to work in His vineyard, and that countless souls would be turned from sin and death, we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

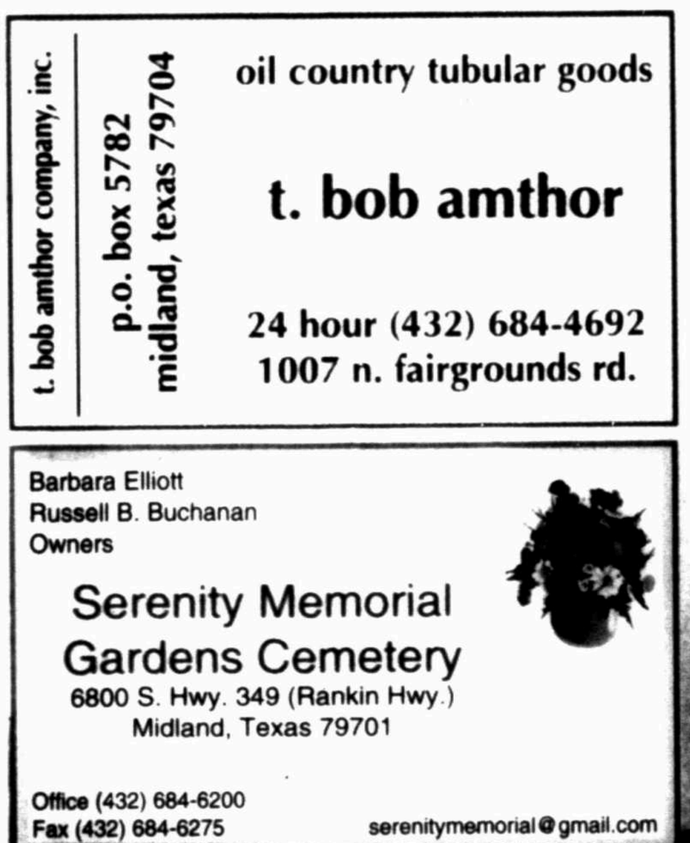
For government leaders in this and every place, that they would faithfully discharge their duties for the benefit of all; for the faithful men and women of our armed forces, that almighty God would protect and keep them; for the safety and well-being of police, firefighters, first responders and all of our public servants, we give thanks O Lord. We given thanks.

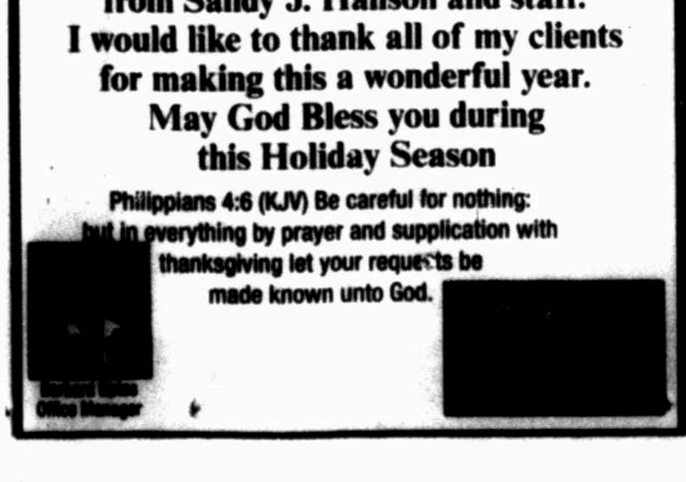
Into Your hands, O Father, we place all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and offering our worship and praise in response, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

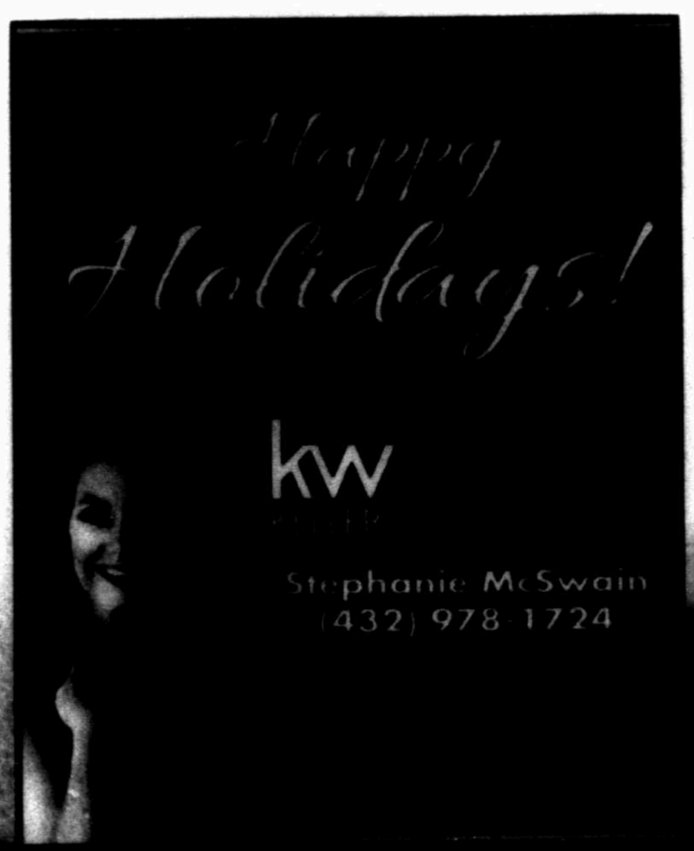


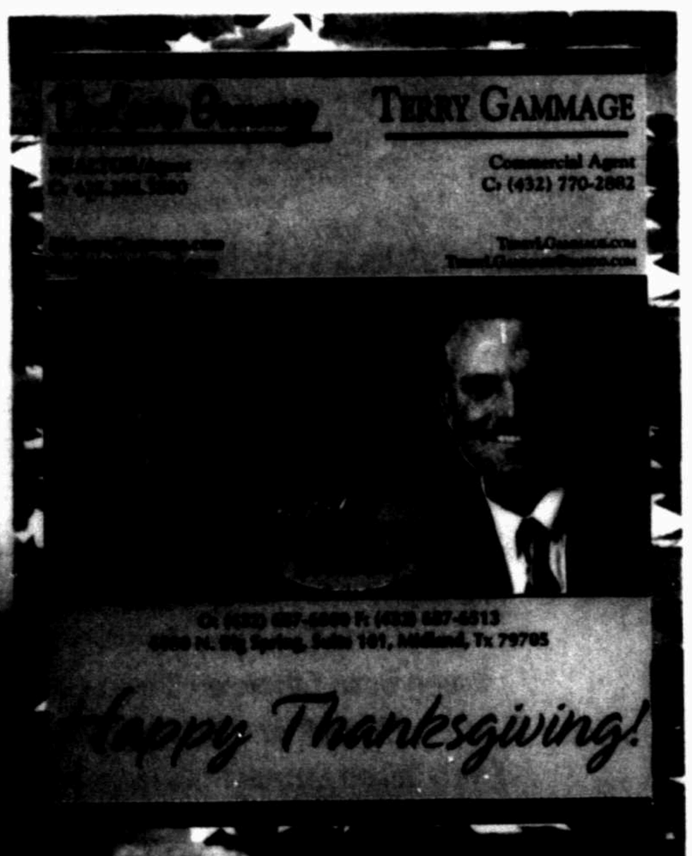












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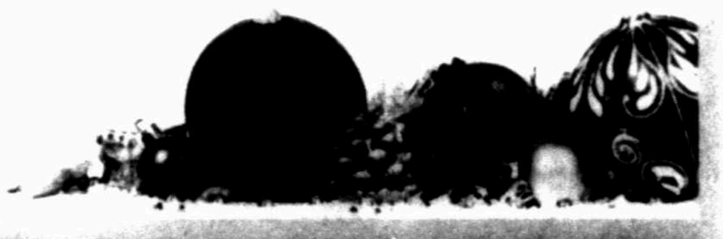

Herb Crusted Prime Rib carved by the Chef

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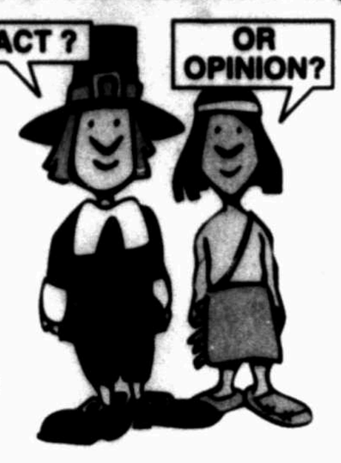
The Pilgrim Game

Can you separate **FACT** from **OPINION** about life with the Pilgrims? Play this Kid Scoop game with a friend!

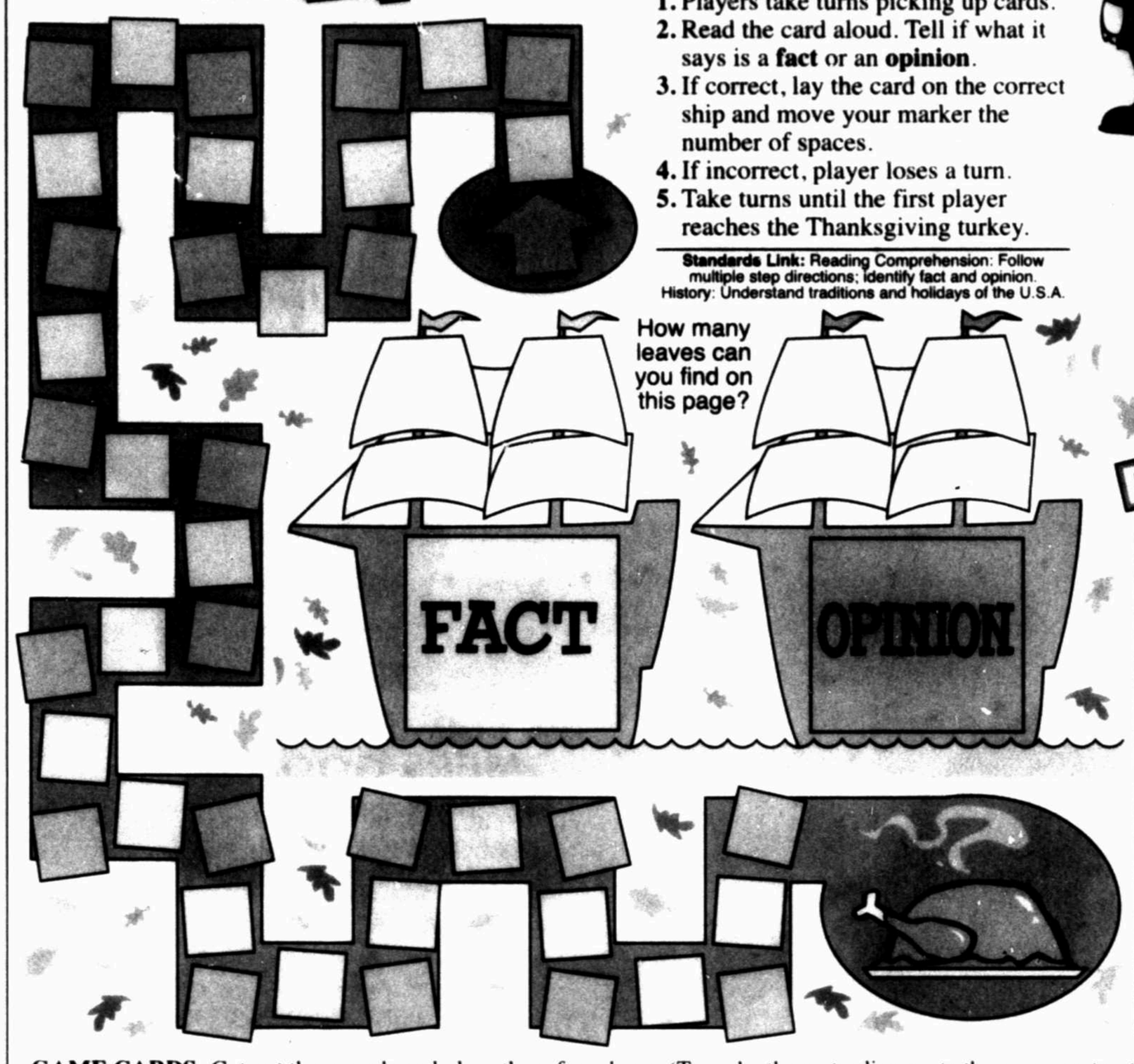
Remember: A fact can be measured. An opinion tells how people feel.



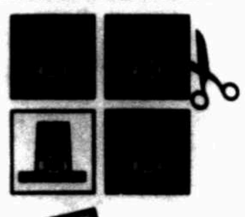
1. Players take turns picking up cards.
2. Read the card aloud. Tell if what it says is a **fact** or an **opinion**.
3. If correct, lay the card on the correct ship and move your marker the number of spaces.
4. If incorrect, player loses a turn.
5. Take turns until the first player reaches the Thanksgiving turkey.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions; Identify fact and opinion. History: Understand traditions and holidays of the U.S.A.

How many leaves can you find on this page?



CUT OUT A GAME MARKER FOR EACH PLAYER.



Extra! Extra!

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper and find:

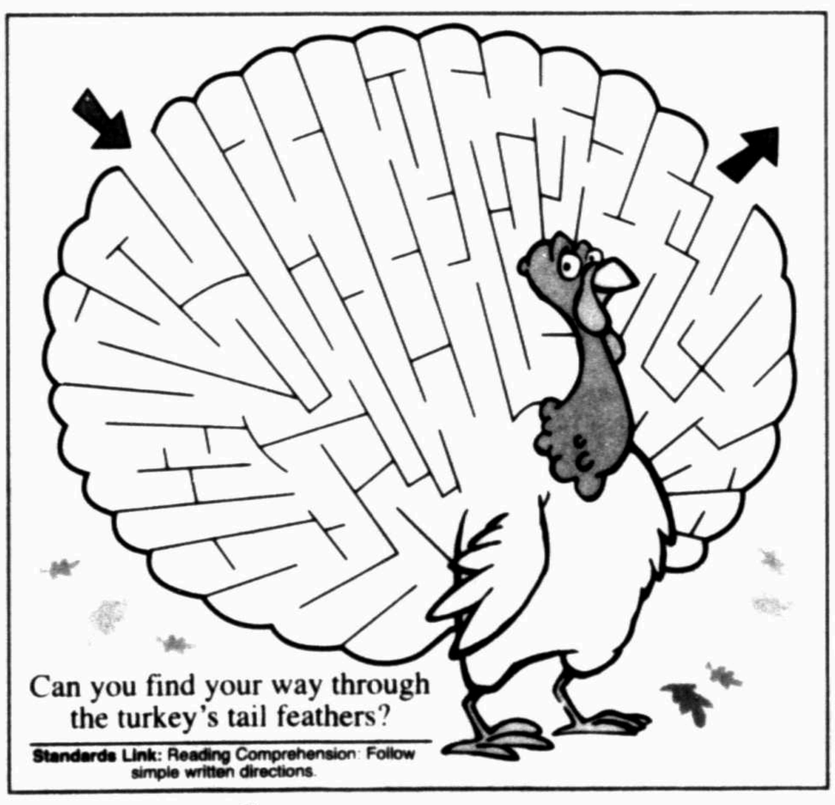
- A turkey photo
- Something you are thankful for
- The word "Thanksgiving"
- A word that can express an opinion
- A 3-digit number

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

GAME CARDS: Cut out these cards and place them face down. (To make them sturdier, paste them on construction paper.)

① The most important rule Pilgrims had to obey was to go to church on Sunday. **9 SPACES**	② Chief Massasoit brought 90 Indian braves to the first Thanksgiving. **3 SPACES**	③ Plymouth was a beautiful place to build a village. **10 SPACES**	④ The Pilgrims were thankful for their Indian friends. **6 SPACES**	⑤ The Pilgrims sailed to America on the *Mayflower*. **4 SPACES**	⑥ The Indians felt sorry for the Pilgrims. **5 SPACES**
⑦ The Pilgrims left England for America in 1620. **5 SPACES**	⑧ The Pilgrims were afraid in the new land. **5 SPACES**	⑨ The Pilgrims liked the food on the ship. **9 SPACES**	⑩ The Pilgrims ate turkey at the first Thanksgiving. **4 SPACES**	⑪ Pilgrim children had a lot of fun. **7 SPACES**	⑫ The Pilgrims lived in small houses. **10 SPACES**
⑬ Squanto taught the Pilgrims how to find and grow food in America. **7 SPACES**	⑭ The Pilgrims and the Indians feasted for three days at the first Thanksgiving. **6 SPACES**	⑮ One baby was born on the voyage to America. **5 SPACES**	⑯ Pilgrim boys and girls stuffed mattresses with pine needles, corn husks and feathers. **8 SPACES**	⑰ It took seven hours to cook a turkey over a fire. **6 SPACES**	⑱ The place the Pilgrims called Plymouth was called Patuxet by the Indians. **6 SPACES**

FACTS 2, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 OPINIONS 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12



Can you find your way through the turkey's tail feathers?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

TURKEY
PILGRIM
SQUANTO
PATUXET
INDIANS
BRAVES
MASSASOIT
HUSKS
SAILED
SHIP
GAME
GROW
FIRE
BOYS

I	H	O	T	E	X	U	T	A	P
P	N	P	P	B	O	Y	S	E	Y
D	H	D	F	I	R	E	E	V	T
E	H	U	I	A	L	Y	V	O	N
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I	G	I	V	K	N	I	R	N	P
A	W	O	R	G	S	S	B	I	G
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Make new fact and opinion cards using sentences you find in the newspaper. Cut out some sentences that are facts and some that are opinions. Glue them onto heavy paper for cards. Play the Pilgrim Game using your new cards.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify fact and opinion in expository text; read from a variety of sources including the newspaper.

What do you get after eating too much turkey?

ANSWER: Dessert

Weekly Writing Corner

11-27-14 Writing Corner
I Am Thankful

I am thankful for many things. I am surpassingly thankful for a conducive family. I am thankful for a family because they help me with things. I am thankful for my benevolent friends. I am thankful for my friends because they are here for me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. All the people I have said I am thankful for is because they are always there for me.

Vanessa Ramos, 4th grade, St Ann's

Do you know why I am so thankful? I am thankful that Ben Franklin invented the light bulb, George Washington defeated England, and Abraham Lincoln condemned slavery. If it weren't for that, today wouldn't be today.

Olanija Awasems, 6th grade, Hillander

There are many things I am thankful for. I'm thankful for my school and my family. I'm thankful for my family because they love and care for me. I'm thankful for my school. I'm thankful for my school because they help me learn. As you can see there are many things I'm thankful for.

Josh Guebara, 4th grade, St Ann's

There are many things I am thankful for. I am thankful for my friends and family. I am thankful for a roof over my head, food on my table, and a place to call home.

Gyna McWilliams, 6th grade, Hillander

I am thankful for many things. I am thankful for my friends, my family, and God. I am thankful for my friends. My friends are always there for me. I am thankful for my family. I family guides me. I am thankful for God. I am thankful for God's blessings and all the things he has given me. As you can see, I have many things I am thankful for in my life.

Naya Ochoa, 4th grade, St Ann's

I am thankful for the friends I have and how they give me friendship. I am thankful to have food that tastes so good and my parents who work hard for me. I am thankful for the education I have and the teachers who teach me. There are so many things in the world that I am thankful for, but I can't list them all here. At least you know I'm thankful for what I have today.

Pranav Ganta, 6th grade, Hillander

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I Met a Mermaid!

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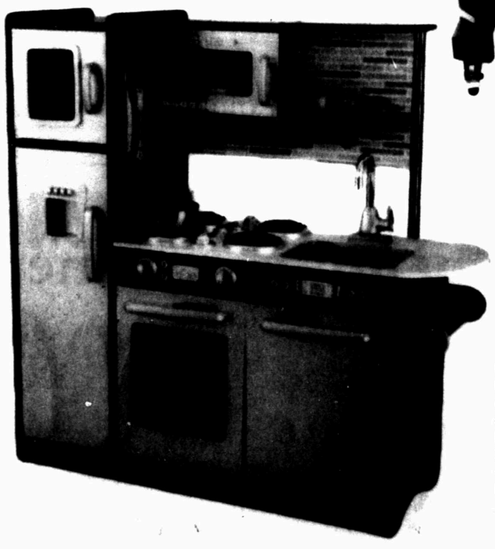

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